

Chapter Four

THE PROCESS OF THE BLESSING

I
THE SELECTION OF THE SPOUSE

1.
WHO DETERMINES THE SPOUSE?

From the viewpoint of the Principle of Creation, God and the parents created the spouse. Therefore, in following the law of re-creation, it is essential that God and father and mother, not ourselves, select the spouse. It is our covenant, following heavenly law, to accept that our husband or wife will emerge from there. This is the Unification Church's standard of marriage. Therefore, in the Unification Church, following the Principle, God and then Father are supposed to select your spouse. Your fathers and mothers who live in the fallen world do not know the Principle. They do not know. They do not follow any rules. Do you understand?

But Reverend Moon of the Unification Church knows the standard that can establish the order centering on this Principle, and the covenant which must be followed to fulfill the law of heaven. This is the theory of the ideal of creation, and, following this standard, centering on this ideal, your Blessing will be under God's protection. In this way, Father, as the True Parent and representing your parents, can proceed correctly with your Blessing. This is Unification Church's view of marriage.

There absolutely should not be anyone who arbitrarily chooses a spouse as he or she pleases. The Lord of the Second Advent is the only person who has inherited from God the authority to determine the spouse. Therefore, when the person who has the authority to decide the ideal spouse appears, the more a person is close to his original mind, the more he will be led unconsciously and heartistically to accept that person's choice when he stands in front of him.

When receiving the Blessing, if anyone has a person to whom he wishes to be matched, and thinks in his mind, "I would like to be matched with this one," he is insulting God. That is to repeat the same action as Adam and Eve falling in the Garden of Eden. When Adam and Eve fell at the top of the growth stage, they did not know with certainty that they were to become each other's spouses. They were not sure. Without knowing, they unwittingly brought about that result through Satan's temptation. You must move away from that road.

If this is true, can anyone go to the Blessing knowing his own spouse? Can he go forth having already decided beforehand his own spouse? Heaven is supposed to decide the spouse and the parents are supposed to decide. God, who is Adam's father, is supposed to decide. Seen from this viewpoint, the traditional Korean marriage ceremony corresponds to the law of heaven. In that tradition, you absolutely cannot marry without the consent of the parents. This is absolute.

Therefore, those sons and daughters who have in mind some persons they would like to marry should report right away to their parents. Before saying that they like someone, they should receive the parents' approval. When the parents approve, it is all right to make friends with that person. It is not a sin to become friendly with someone after reporting about it. But unreported relationships cannot be recognized.

The people of the world say that in the Unification Church even marriage is done by dictatorship. But so what if it is dictatorship? There cannot be two heavens. If there is only one country and not two, is that a totalitarian nation? No one besides you people can stand here.

Despite the variety of today's philosophies, the origin is only one. The shape of the society is determined by whether the guiding thought is religious or materialistic. When each claims absoluteness, that is dictatorship, because neither society can accommodate the thought of the other. But, in fact, their origin is only one. In the Unification Church's view of history in Unification Thought, the two ideologies began from one, and are destined to unite and become one.

This is true even as a consequence of the content of the dual characteristics in the Principle of Creation. So why is it dictatorship when two persons become one and are happy? This marriage is not being done for the benefit of the Unification Church's Reverend Moon. It is being done for the benefit of each other. It is absolutely not being done for the benefit of myself but for the benefit of those whom I face and join in marriage. It is being done for the benefit of all people. How, then, is it dictatorship?

If a child is born as a Korean, when feeding, you must give him or her Korean food. You would not wish to feed the child all kinds of food from different countries of the West. Since it was born as a Korean, it is natural to provide Korean food. This is certain. Until he is grown up he must eat Korean food. You who are being raised in the realm of the Principle must eat Principle food. Therefore, don't ever hold the idea that this is dictatorship. You should not have that thinking. If you have that idea, Father feels most insulted.

I have a headache over those who gossip behind my back. Those who are matched with that attitude are finished. They are going against the heavenly law. Only heaven can decide a person's spouse. Therefore, there should not be any people with that attitude.

In this matching event, which happens only once in a lifetime, what kind of relationship should each person make with God? This is the important question. This issue is between you and heaven. If you are a man, it is an issue between man and heaven, and if you are a woman, it is an issue between woman and heaven. Moreover, in the Unification Church, it is an issue of how to make relationship with Father. Between Father and a man, it is an issue between that one man and Father. Also in the case of a woman, the relationship between Father and the woman is a serious matter of personal concern.

Without solving that problem, you will not be able to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Why? Because the fall was caused by Adam and Eve's deciding matters by themselves. That was the cause of what became everlasting sorrow and regret. If that was the basis of the fall, then in order to indemnify this, you must solve the problem of your relationship with Father. But until now the solution has not come about.

That is why we are giving our pledge in this place. Standing obedient to the will of God, a question and answer process occurs. After the question and answer ceremony and the Blessing, you must work hard. But some people gather around and chat, gossip and whisper, saying things about this and that. People who whisper like that are pitiful. At this occasion there absolutely should not be any whispering. Those women sitting there, sitting at the far end of the room, don't gossip in vain about others, saying this person is like this and that person is like that. I despise that the most. If there is a family who does that and steps beyond the general principles of conduct, that family will come to a bad end. God will not help such a person, for he or she is in the position of an archangel.

The place of Blessing is the most precious place. The time of Blessing comes about only once in a lifetime and its results last through eternity. In that most precious place, you must decide to go over this barrier with the most precious person by absolutely following the True Parents. Then heaven will come down in this place. In this way you must become the most valuable, substantial being who was molded by heaven and stands before heaven. To decide the most noble substance by oneself is to go against the Principle. You must know that because this was not done well, the sorrow of heaven has persisted even until now. For us, who are in the position to go forward by indemnifying this, how we come to find this precious position is the most serious issue. Until now, the blessed couples have been vague about this concept.

What will happen in the future when there will be Blessings for the whole world? The right to give the Blessing will be passed to you. When the father transfers what he owns to his son, it is comparable to the rightful heir supervising all the yield of the harvest. No matter how young or youthful the heir is, he is the one who will supervise and control. Likewise, when the inheritance is passed on, it does not matter who is better or worse. When Father hands down this authority in the future, even if that heir is crippled, people

must receive the Blessing from that person. That time will come. You must realize this, and you must know that this place of Blessing is the place where the most valuable relationship is decided and is a place which comes about only once in your lifetime.

Is the reason that young people from all around the world entrust Father with choosing their marriage partners because of their faith, or respect, or trust? Which is it?

2.

DO NOT DECIDE YOUR PARTNER BY YOURSELF

You must not choose your partner on your own. Especially do not try to discover who he or she is by prayer. A person who does that will come to no good end. Once Father blessed two persons who had decided through prayer, and he established an indemnity condition for them. But things did not turn out well. I cannot tell you who they are; only Father knows. Their fate was according to the Principle. Even if Father forgives them and they go on to fulfill their indemnity condition by themselves, it will not be good for them in the end. Inevitably, within three generations of their descendants, similar phenomena will occur. Indeed, the Unification Church is a fearful place.

When you face Father and look at him, you might think he isn't much, but he is a fearsome person. Those who have given Father a hard time all were destroyed. That is why when I work for the sake of God's will, I myself am very serious. I do not decide something in an irresponsible way. Before making a decision, I consult Heaven and set every standard according to the Principle, and then I announce the policy. When I know that something is heaven's will, I do not care what the world thinks about it.

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Once, when Father was just about to match one sister, another person who was standing right beside Father said to her, "That person is like this and like that." Father said, "Then who is the person you recommend?" And he introduced a person whom he preferred to the sister. The person he recommended was a person for whom he had a liking in his mind, and he had the desire to offer a very good husband for this sister for whom he cared. Is this not understandable? Those who are mothers here, when you look at your daughters and their prospective sons-in-law, you whisper to each other about having a son-in-law that you like. In that incident, the woman listened to that bystander's advice and married the person he had recommended, rejecting Father's words. But the result of that marriage was not good.

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Father once gave the Blessing to about ten couples who really liked each other and wanted to marry each other. Of those, 80% ended in failure. I will never do that again. Perhaps in the future, I will give numbers to everyone and will match by numbers. At that time you have only two choices: you can get blessed, or you can refuse. I will have to match by numbers in order to

marry tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands of couples. At that time Father's antennae will be different antennae. At that moment Father will not be of this world. Father will use emergency tactics. Father will use emergency tactics that he has been using until now to defeat Satan. For that amazing event to happen, a lot of preparation, prayer and devotion will have been poured in. It will take less than ten minutes to decide the partners for 20 couples. But in order to decide the partners, there will be careful and meticulous consideration. It will not be haphazard.

You who are being blessed at this time should follow Father's will. Previously, of those who married based on their own preferences, some of them suffered separation through the death of their spouse. At the matching time, even when Father refused their request, they kept wanting to be married, saying that they liked each other. When Father said, "Is it OK even if you die?" they still wanted to be married together. So I blessed them saying, "Go ahead. Do as you will." Sure enough, many of them ended with that fate.

None of you should take a stance centering on yourselves. If there is a compass in you, that compass should always point to God. You are to turn your compass all the way to where it points to God. When you turn the compass to point to yourselves, there will be harmful side effects. How great are those side effects? Those whose compasses are turned to center on the self will, after a while, reach a condition where they might die. If you look at them after about three weeks, their eyes will stick to the insides of their sockets. When you look at this alternative, you must find your partner centering on God.

Those who discuss amongst themselves and come to Father for the approval of their marriage are only trying to use Father as a sacrifice for the acceptance of their marriage. When they say, "We like each other, so please marry us," Father will never bless them. Why? They are acting not only according to the habit of conventional society, but according to the will of Satan. Then centering on whose mind should the matching be done? The issue is whether it is to be done by following your own minds or Reverend Moon's mind.

The viewpoint of marriage in the Unification Church is different from ordinary marriage. The Reverend Moon does not give the Blessing for the sake of the husband or wife, but for the sake of their descendants.

The fact that you are living together by Father's having chosen your partner means that you fit together as closely as possible. If you find that your partner does not fit you exactly, it may mean that one of you might have died without having a long life.

Marriage is not supposed to take place haphazardly. It is not to be done between persons who meet in the street while coming and going. If two people marry just because they feel attracted to one another, some disaster could

happen just as they get married. Then we would realize that there was something mysterious about their fate. It was because they did not fit well with each other. A pine tree must be grafted to a pine tree. There are types that fit correctly. When you realize this, you must deal with the Blessing this time with new and better attitudes. Absolutely do not stand in a place where you want to pass through the Blessing in a position that centers on yourselves. You should know that the Blessing is not for yourselves; it is for the nation and even for the world. Moreover, you must take to heart that the Blessing is for the sake of your descendants.

You should not approach the moment when your partner is chosen with a heart of happiness but with a heart of infinite suffering. From when you start, until the end, you must watch your heart very carefully. This time is the most important period in your life. It corresponds to the six thousand years of providential history.

In the position of infinite suffering, in the position of extreme sorrow and in the position of risking your life, you must decide. You must take responsibility for your fate in the place of experiencing and tasting the worst suffering, sorrow and death. You should not feel any complaint whatsoever and you should feel with the understanding that this will never happen again.

In order to pass through this gate, how sad was Jesus? How many times did he pass through pain and anguish? Over how many critical moments of death did he go? In order to come to the new road of life, you must receive that degree of agony and suffering in the worst environment. This place is the place that closes the door of suffering, closes the door of sorrow, and closes the door of death. Therefore, you must go over this after feeling the worst suffering, the worst sorrow and the worst death. Through this, the road of rebirth can be opened, and you will resurrect from worry, from suffering, from sorrow and from death. This is how you are to receive the partner.

You must come to your decision based upon the standard of number three positions. That decision cannot be made for you by Father or by God. The only one who can decide it is yourself.

Originally, man was created for woman, and woman was created for man. But fallen man must go through the position of a servant, an adopted son and a son, before advancing to the position of husband or wife and then to the position of true parents. Therefore, I will make each one of the blessed couples suffer until he or she feels like they want to die. Man is born alone, goes to marry alone, and dies alone. The parent only introduces, and the decision has to be reached by himself or herself alone. Among you there are probably many who will go away without making effort. Those people should reflect on themselves in contemplation.

This period is the time of resurrection. Jesus's partner, namely the Holy Spirit, also descended from heaven on the day of Pentecost after the resurrection of Jesus.

3.

HOW DO YOU MEET YOUR IDEAL PARTNER?

Your ideal partner is the person who will be your companion on the road to the ideal world.

Who is your ideal partner? Your ideal partner is a person who receives God's love in great quantity. The one who can stand closer than you to the formula course is your ideal mate.

Then who is that person who can be close to the formula course? It is the person who is close to realizing the hope of every historical period. It is the person who is close to realizing the hope of the past and who is close to becoming the center desired by the present-day society. Moreover, if there is a starting point in the future, it is the person who is close to that starting point. You should value that kind of person.

The fact that the term, "ideal partner," appeared at this moment on the earth and people making a lot of noise is infinitely joyful good news. It is news about which God can be happy.

The foundation to have the ideal spouse is to marry as a couple in a place Satan cannot invade. That is, the ideal spouse is married as a couple by the will of God on the foundation which has indemnified the vertical history horizontally. Therefore, the ideal of marriage has to be centered on God.

If it does not surpass the standard existing at the time before Adam and Eve's fall, a new ideology cannot start. You are not standing in a position where each of you has fought and became a person whom Satan cannot penetrate, but you are in a position where you are believing in and following this ideology. Therefore, your Blessing will come to nothing unless a heartistic foundation and a substantial foundation are laid continuously.

Men say that they want to become handsome in order to find beautiful women. This is because the more perfect one is, the more handsome one becomes. A more perfect person is better able to find a perfect, ideal spouse. Because there is a standard where the best of the ideal subjects and the best of the ideal objects become happy one hundred percent, the more they become perfect in the love of God, and the more they fit perfectly, the more they become ideal. That is why we seek beauty and perfection. Perfect love is the core of the universe. Man without woman and woman without man cannot find that core.

The term "ideal spouse" is very good, is it not? Until now, you have thought that an ideal spouse is like this or like that. No matter how good your partner is, you will not find his or her value unless you have within you the quality to do so. Do you understand what I am saying? Where is your capacity to discover whether or not your spouse is excellent? Without you yourself

being the best, you cannot find the very essence of your spouse's excellence.

The ideal spouse comes later. The self has to be thought of first. How to perfect yourself is the most important thing. The ideal spouse means putting the will of the spouse first, but the perfect, ideal family cannot come about unless it first is decided that you can become the perfect subject or the perfect object.

What is the priority for an unmarried man and woman? The problem is whether or not I myself am perfect. Before thinking about your ideal spouse, first you must become a filial son or daughter and have a relationship with the parents who will testify that you are a filial son or daughter. You must become perfect in that sense. After that is accomplished, the ideal spouse can be sought after and loved.

The reason the Unification Church until now does not give the members the Blessing right away, but makes them do fund-raising instead, is in order to make them aspire for the parents' vertical love. The reason we tell you not to worry about fiancés is because once you fulfill the vertical love, the fiancé appears automatically.

What is the fall? It is realizing horizontal love before perfecting vertical love centering on God. Therefore, without establishing the vertical love, you should not think to meet your fiancé or love him. There must be many people here who have already been matched. Among you, those who can say that you have perfected vertical love, raise your hands. If there is such a person, I will allow that engaged couple to live together and I will bless them in marriage prior to others. Because it is unprincipled for a person who has not fulfilled the vertical love to marry, Father has been waiting.

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The person who, in his or her lifetime, loves the world, God and humankind with love greater than the love between man and woman, and only after accomplishing that comes to love his spouse, is an ideal person.

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Who is the best companion a human being can have? Jesus, who came down to this earth, tried to find a family where he could realize perfect love. The best companion is the family where true love is practiced. In order to find that, a person has to go through the course of offering in this world. He has to go through the course of offering based on his body. He must reject the love of Satan's world and indemnify the love of the heavenly world. He must, from himself, transcend matter, transcend the desire to be centered on the body, transcend lust, and deny every realistic and sensual element. He must go through such a course.

Who is an ideal partner? It could be a person different from you. You should not resent your partner. Do not think to flee from your partner, but welcome him or her and digest him or her.

What is good fortune? Living well or eating well is not good fortune. Meeting a partner well is good fortune. Paving the way of a husband and wife by following the relationships of heaven and earth and following the law of the natural relationships of human beings is the greatest of blessings. There is no greater blessing. No matter how popular and prestigious he is and how famous his family is, if a person does not meet the right wife, then he will be miserable. No matter how good an academic background or how handsome an appearance he has, he will not be happy if he marries a bad wife. In the same way, no matter how famous or of good standing a woman is, if she gets a bad husband, the result is the same. Therefore what is the greatest of all good fortunes? Meeting your partner well. That is the greatest blessing. By meeting your mate well, you will have good children. Isn't that right?

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IT IS INEVITABLE THAT YOUR PARTNER IS SOMEWHERE

When Adam appeared as God's ideal creation, did he compare this person or that person whom he might pick? Adam could not do that, because God made Eve for him. Whether Eve was beautiful or ugly, he was to love her absolutely. No matter how big or small, she was the sole, unique being for Adam. Therefore it is the Principle that they love each other absolutely. When they feel the taste of love, those details are no problem.

True love fills and over-fills what is imperfect. You might think that Adam was handsome and Eve was beautiful, but you cannot know that. Whether a man is handsome or ugly cannot be a real problem. These days there are women who shun mirrors because they think they are so ugly, but this is totally unnecessary. I have talked about finding the ideal partner for a lifetime. You might think that at the matching time I will consider, "Ah! Is this the one, or is that the one?" But what is ideal is absolutely only one. It is the same as in the Garden of Eden where there was only one man and one woman. Should the person who is supposed to become the True Parent look at this woman and that woman, with his eyes always staring? Lightning does not strike by looking at where it is to strike. When plus and minus become close, it will always strike. At the moment the minus appears, they will become one. You also must become like that, centering on the love of God.

Is there anywhere in the whole world where, if there is only one woman and if ten males are born, they would say that nine of them should die? Do people worry about that? When a girl is born crying, does she look around asking, "Where is my man?" When a man is born, does he straightaway look for a maiden? It's not right. This is because the mate is inevitably somewhere. Is there anybody who thinks that he should not have children because he is worrying about this point? Is there anyone who wants to have birth control because of that? There is no need to worry about that. If there is a man, there is a woman. If there is a female, a male will be born.

All men and women of this world are in the position of the fallen Adam and fallen Eve. Fallen Adam and Eve became the son and daughter of Satan. Therefore, going into this world of Satan, the problem is how to find, win, and establish God's son and daughter. This is fulfilled through the Principle. If there comes to exist a perfect Adam, then the perfect Eve will be restored. If a perfect plus appears, the minus will automatically come into existence. This is the fundamental rule of creation. If a perfect minus appears, a perfect plus likewise will come into existence. Therefore, there is not much difference between the numbers of men and women worldwide. No matter how much it seems that air is moving about in all directions, it is a reaction to achieve a balance of pressure. This is the same principle. If perfect man is horn, a perfect woman will be horn. In the Bible, this is stated symbolically, when we read that a woman, Eve, was created out of a man, Adam.

In terms of God's providence of restoration, the reason why the fall happened is not because of "I." You must know that the condition of your relationship to the other, the partner, is always the problem. Since we are re-creating, we must deal with the will of God. Therefore, the problem is to make a correct relationship with the object or partner who can become your companion. People of the world desire that their partners be greater than themselves. But this is an impossible way of thinking in the course of the providence of restoration. Expecting my partner to be greater and better than "I" is not right. Because there was the fall, expecting the partner to appear in the fallen world as a person greater than "I" is wrong. If you desire your partner to be a good person, you should manifest that by investing more effort than your partner.

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The misconception of fallen men and women, that when one gets married, one should expect that one's partner will be better than oneself, should not be in your thought. A relationship based upon that cannot possibly succeed. If there are such couples, they are all fake. They are not connected and related to God. The partner must always be in a position lower than "I."

Why? It is because there has to be re-creation. It is through the merit of investing myself that my partner is moved and comes to appear as an object with value. God created heaven and earth not just to see them as they are. He created in order to love, with heart as the basis. In the same way the only thing that matters in re-creation is acting with the heart as the guide. Even though Adam and Eve are small, in the world of the heart, they are not seen as small but big.

5.

MAN AND WOMAN ARE CREATED IN RELATION TO EACH OTHER

Human beings are either man or woman. "I" am an extension of Adam and Eve who are created by God. Do you understand? When we say "human

being," substance already exists in there. How many kinds of things are included in "human being"? Such things reside in the earth, in human beings and in God.

Realistically speaking, we people are very handsome. Therefore, if some women say, "What kind of man could look like that?" and laugh, or if some men say about some woman, "Why does that woman have big hips and look like that?" heaven will punish them. No matter how seemingly ugly, that man or woman is the Creator's greatest masterpiece.

Do you like men who wear a mustache or do you not? You ladies, please tell me. (It's better that they have them.) What about you men? (Better to have them.) Then why do you not grow them? There are times when growing a beard is good. Now is a busy time, so it's better not to have them, but when you are playing around naturally, it is more handsome to have a mustache.

When Japanese people make gardens, they trim and polish them; but the Americans like natural gardens. You like natural things. Do you like artificial things? (No, natural things.) Because you like a natural environment, in the future, there may come a time when you will receive hundreds of dollars in salary by growing mustaches. It might be true someday. Pretty soon, you might want to grow mustaches and beards.

Then why do women have no mustaches and beards? God did not feel good when He saw that Adam was growing a beard. Thus, when He was creating Eve, He made her so that she did not have any beard. (Laughter.) Thus, what is the greatest masterpiece in all of God's creation? It is woman. You women, do you feel good about that? These women are masterpieces all right, but for whom are they masterpieces? They are for men. (Laughter.) You might not feel good about that, but it cannot be helped.

Why did God make that those masterpieces? He made them in order to receive a rare stimulation. Man and woman are complementary. Women are very soft and tender, and men are rough and tough. Thus, a strong and stout man likes a soft woman. A soft and tender woman likes a strong man. That's how it is. If there still is a woman who likes the kind of man who has skin like woman, she should be dead! And if there is a man who likes a woman who is as rough and awkward as a man, that man should be dead!

When you look at men, mostly they are not soft-looking but tough-looking. A man's hand is as rough as a concrete floor, and would he feel good if another rough hand touches his hand? When a soft woman's hand touches him, what happens? Everything in the universe is created to be in harmony. Even when you look at a motor, the turning armature is hard and solid metal, but the stationary contacts have surfaces made of soft, flat brass. This arrangement does not wear out easily. But if the contacts were made of adamantite steel, the more the motor turned, the more there would be sparks and rapid deterioration. The natural law of heaven and earth has all things in reciprocal relationships. If we consider this, we know that God is a professional.

That is why, more than putting a man's hand over another man's hand, it would be better to put a woman's hand over his. This is the natural law of the universe. That is how the soft and the hard can be one. If they are not, neither is complete. If a man's hand is over another man's hand, he should feel really bad, but if a woman's hand comes and touches him, he should feel good. If that does not happen, it means the law of the universe is not applied. That is why woman's hand should be soft, and man's hand should look thick and heavy. Men should look like man, and women should look like woman. Therefore, man has a mustache and beard. Because that beard stimulates the soft surface, it can feel the stimulation of love. Thus, you can conclude that it is good that man was born as man and woman was born as woman.

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THE BEAUTY OF WOMAN AND THE CHARM OF MAN

A while ago, Father said in England that a woman's beauty is not determined just by her face. Some people might say that a woman is beautiful just on the basis of her face, but the face is only a part of the whole body. You must look at the whole. The face is only the third factor in the standard of beauty. In order to judge a person's beauty, you must not only look at the hands, the feet, the way he or she walks, and the voice, but also you must look at the person from the front, from the side, and from all directions.

A person's beauty is not only in the face. The beauty can be felt from all directions. Beauty is spherical, like a ball. Regardless of the direction from which you look, each person has a perfected beauty of his or her own. That is why a person should not judge and evaluate his wife's face rashly, without thinking.

Many beautiful women soon lose their beauty. But women with virtue or good fortune are different. You can often observe that among women with pretty faces, their faces become strange after having two or three children. The woman who can maintain her beauty even after having children is truly a beautiful woman.

Of all the varieties of flowers, which do you think is the most beautiful? Father does not know what kind of flowers you like, but Father likes the one that looks like a trumpet, because it spreads its fragrance far away. (A morning glory.) A trumpet-shaped flower represents deep love. The scent spreads far away. It has to be shaped like a trumpet or bugle in order for the fragrance to travel far. The morning glory and other flowers of a similar shape have the best fragrance. All people like the flower that has a beautiful fragrance. On the other hand, the lily is simple but elegant. The pure and graceful lily blossoms out from an ordinary green pod; until it blossoms one cannot know whether it will be white or orange or yellow. It is a melodramatic and emotional flower. The lily seems to have a history behind it.

In the same way, you ladies should become like a morning glory or a lily. Like the fragrant morning glory, you should have the heart of deep love. Like

the lily, you must become a pure and elegant flower.

Father thinks that the most beautiful women of the world are those with black hair, a white face, and blue eyes. She should not have a flat nose or eyes that are too hollow but should have eyes with about medium depth. Some Western people have eyes too deep, and one sometimes cannot distinguish whether they are eyes or eyebrows. These days because they put make-up on their eyebrows, you really cannot distinguish between the two. They color their eyebrows. Therefore, it is ideal that the eyes go in only a little and the eyebrows are apart from the eyes a little, like Father's.

It is more charming for a man's face to be somewhat rough rather than smooth.

When a woman is trying to get a husband, it would be better to have a man who is wild and rough rather than someone who is delicate and fine-looking. Since a husband and wife relationship is a reciprocal relationship, the woman who becomes the opposite of the wild and tough man will become happy. The wife who can receive the love of a tough and wild husband is a happy wife. You should not forget this, and look at your husband, encourage him to be a rough and tough man.

It is the law of love that the strength of a man is only like a gentle, autumn breeze in front of a woman. In the world of men, the strength of fists determines things, but in front of a beloved woman, that fist becomes as soft as cotton. Therefore, a woman should not be afraid of a man who is wild and rough but rather should think that the stronger a man is, the more value he has for her to love.

In a group of young ladies and men, when a handsome man passes by, the ladies close one eye but look with the other eye in this way. And these men, swaggering and strutting like goblins, also slightly look at a woman who passes by. Let's say that there is a dark-skinned man who looks like a fluke of nature — unappealing even when you look at him when you are half-awake. But on the other hand, if you look at him as a whole, he might be a very masculine person. When he talks, that kind of person does not talk quietly like a woman. He acts before he talks. Most women would not feel good about that. They think that a man should talk first and offer an introduction before he acts, but this kind of man charges forward without any introduction whatsoever.

When they meet that kind of person, at first the women would not feel so good, but if he can persevere even for thousands and tens of thousands of years, the women will change. If the strong and wild character is that way not just for one moment but is like that consistently, the women will think again. "Other men are deceitful; therefore when autumn comes, they fall like the falling leaves, and when winter comes, they wither and dry. But as for this man, even if he might look like a country bumpkin, he, like a piston that

is being driven by pressure, pushes what he thinks should be pushed, until the end. He will do it until his death." If this is true, the women's thoughts will become different. Do you understand?

If that happens, she will love her husband like heaven. Even if he is so strong and tough, if he does actions that can reap crimson love, she will be dragged in. You women must be careful here. Illustrations of this are plentiful in movies and fiction. Isn't that right?

7.

WOMEN AND MAKE-UP

When trying to find the person who will love them, people embellish themselves and adorn their minds. The reason a woman sits in front of a dressing table day and night, looking at herself in a mirror and making herself up, is because she has the desire to receive much more love from the person who loves her.

The woman who decorates her body in order to keep an eternal beauty is trying to defy death. It makes us think of a battleground where men face their enemies and fight by risking their lives and shedding blood. We feel sorry for such women, but at the same time we love them for wanting to keep their beauty for eternity.

Unification Church women do not put on make-up or spend hours trying to look nice because they are much too busy trying to spread God's truth. But they probably have the inclination to put on make-up and look nice. Even the person who was satisfied with how she looked before she received her partner will become more concerned about her looks once she gets a spouse. She wants to look good in front of her partner. She thinks about whether her hips are not too big, whether her waist is too thick, whether she is too short, or whether she is too ugly. That thinking and behavior comes from her intention to spread the fragrance of love by blossoming as a beautiful flower. She moves with a rhythm and posture and invests herself to look charming. In the same way you should meet your partners by widening the diverse aspects of your past lives centering on God's will.

Women want to change every day into new and beautiful clothing, right? Then have you ever thought about how you should have a beauty in your face that is better than changing dresses every day? What do you want to do by wearing beautiful dresses? You probably want to go looking for the one you love. How unbecoming it would be for a person to look for her lover by dressing up gorgeously but with a scowling face. At that time, the dress will judge the person. You must know that no matter how beautifully a woman dresses, if she looks depressed and without love, the clothes she is wearing will lament. But even if the clothing is not luxurious, it will be content if the person wearing it has a serene and happy face. At that time, that clothing she is wearing will shine like the jewels that decorate the center of love.

For example, the beauty of the diamond is enhanced by the gold ring in which it rests. Have you ever seen anyone wearing a ring made only of pure diamond? And from the standpoint of the gold ring, it will be more beautiful by virtue of having a little diamond set on top of it instead of being just a plain gold ring.

Is it for your own sakes that you wear beautiful clothes and put on make-up? Or is it for the sake of your spouses? Why does a flowering tree have fragrance and blossoms? Is that tree flowering because it likes the blossoms and fragrance or is it blooming for someone or something else? Like a person, a flower cannot look at itself. Therefore, we can surmise that the fact that a beautiful flower blossoms and spreads its fragrance is not for itself but is for someone or something which can enjoy that flower and its fragrance. The flower and its fragrance are there to attract butterflies and bees. The tree's fragrance is there to teach the bees the right direction to come to it, and the flower's blooming guides them to distinguish it from others. Women wear beautiful clothes and put on make-up for the same reason that the tree blossoms.

When women wake up in the morning, they put on make-up as they look at the mirror, but they do unnecessary make-up. For whose enjoyment do they apply make-up? Is it for the sake of their husbands or is it for their own sakes? Originally, make-up is real make-up when it is done at a cremation ground. (Laughter.) The word "make-up" ("*Hwajang*," which in Korean means both make-up and cremation) itself does not feel good. When you understand this, you should do make-up in a serious way. For whom are you doing it?

When I was coming to Seoul by train, I saw that the bathrooms become busy about 30 minutes before arriving at the Seoul train station. Most of the people using the restrooms are women with skirts. Men are dignified. Thus it says that in the Last Days women will be busier than men.

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Having a good outward appearance is advertising with a billboard in Satan's world. If a person goes into a store that does many advertisements, he will be overcharged and ripped off. You must know this. That which is real and genuine does not advertise. This time when you come to the Blessing, do not pay attention to any woman who is wearing new clothes, applying rouge and cosmetics all over her face, and raging with excitement. That kind of person will bring enormous problems and even disaster. On the other hand, there is something mysterious in a woman who looks as if peeling off one layer of her character will bring another layer up as you give and take with her.

These days, you ladies put powder and other cosmetics on your faces. Why do you put on make-up? Is it because you want to boast of being the daughters of Satan? (Laughter.) This is not a laughing matter.

When you go into God's camp, you may put on make-up. When you go to Satan's side, you should cover your face with ashes. When you go out, you should think, "I have God's Hyung Sang and His love; thus I am better than you people who are all made up but do not know God."

Even in the Unification Church, God likes those who clean up for the whole and do laundry for the center, better than He likes those who put on make-up for themselves. The person who lives for himself will go somewhere else. No matter how much the person tries to stay, he will eventually leave.

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Even at the times when you are wearing nice clothes, make-up, and smelling of beautiful fragrances, you should think of the day of liberation.

Blessed women can put on make-up, but unmarried ones cannot.

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These days even we Unification Church members are using make-up! I forgive that. Mother is using make-up, she is married. . . . But those maidens who use make-up, for whom are you doing it? If you have money to buy cosmetics, give it to me! By using make-up they want to go around with some guys and think of capricious things. A maiden has to be innocent. She also has to be unaffected. What are manicures for!? The married women can do it. Why is that? It is because she has to compete. In front of her husband, his wife has to be better than others' wives. In addition, a daughter-in-law has to be better than other daughters-in-law. A father-in-law and mother-in-law want their daughter-in-law to be the best. Therefore, in order not to lose out, she has to put on make-up. Before that, no make-up should be used. Before that, a girl only has to receive her parents' love.

Father knows that the toil of those who have walked the way of God's will together with Father is great. I know that the merits of the Unification Church members who have suffered for the fulfillment of God's will by leaving behind the comfortable life, and especially of those women who have toiled for years without wearing make-up, are great. I feel as if I should invent a line that stops aging and hand it out to them, even though I know that they will finish their lives in the physical world and live with God in a dominion of love. . . .

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LOVE AFFAIRS ARE ABSOLUTELY NOT ALLOWED

If a person comes to have deep faith and has spiritual experiences, that person will not act recklessly or without thinking. 'Ib love another for his or her own pleasures is the illicit love of the satanic world.

If there is a person who has acted this way until now, that person has to repent from the moment he or she hears Father's speech. Adam and Eve

looked away from God and loved each other, thus bringing about a most tragic result. If you do anything like marrying amongst each other, you will not become a new ancestor but instead will bring about disastrous results. Therefore, in the Unification Church, freely having love affairs is absolutely not allowed. You must entrust everything to God.

Through the Blessing, you will form close relations of love centering on God. But if there is a person who says, "I am that kind of person," but presents himself outwardly only himself, heaven will never support him. In the Unification Church there cannot be any love affairs. They will not be recognized by heaven. Those who had each other in mind will never be blessed to each other.

Do you want to be blessed or not? Do you want to marry inside the Unification Church, or would you rather marry anybody you like? Do you feel bad about mass weddings? Do you want to have marriage as Father chooses? Answer me. Would you rather marry as you like, or go to the person whom Father chooses? If you want to do that, you cannot love as you like. You cannot give the gaze of love as you like. You must know this clearly.

Therefore, guys should not grab young girls' hands as they would like to. The day you take hold of a young girl's hand, you are not a virgin any more. Do you understand? These are not my words. This is the word of the Principle. It is the word of the Principle of Restoration.

When a woman is walking on a road and meets a handsome man, she thinks she wants to see him again. This is the nature of the fall. If you are sons and daughters of God, you should not show even the slightest interest in anyone except the spouse that God selected for you. Looking at someone directly itself is not a sin. But when you look with interest, the powerful force of the fall can take effect and can lead to an unexpected accident. That is why when you are walking on a road and come face to face with a handsome man or a beautiful woman, you should not look with interest.

I have this worry and anxiety for your sake. God also said, "Do not eat," out of love for Adam and Eve.

The fall of the human ancestors, Adam and Eve, was because of woman, right? That is why a woman is closer to being in that kind of situation. She has the tendency to be overcome by the temptation of a man. Women are interested in any kinds of words, and if they are sweet words, they can be drawn in.

The four weapons of Satan are cigarettes (gas), alcohol (liquid), drugs (solid), and illicit love.

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Father tells unmarried men and women not to shake hands if possible because the electricity of love flows through holding hands. The spark of love

cuts a wound in the mind of the other person. The wound made by love cannot be healed with any medicine in this world.

In the Unification Church, we tell young boys and girls to not even shake hands. We must know that Satan is always spying on us and that this is the way Satan takes revenge.

Until the Blessing, the Unification Church members who are unmarried should not shake hands with each other. If we think of love in terms of electricity, if it is 100 volts, all 100 volts should fuse properly instead of becoming dimmed by something that short-circuits the electricity on its way.

You are unmarried bachelors. When you get married, do you want to get married to a widow or to a maiden? Please answer. Do you want to marry a maiden or a widow? The person who can be invested with life is pure. To offer yourself as a pure being to God requires an absolute standard. That is why in the Unification Church we say that we should never have love affairs. Unification Church men and women: what has a love affair to do with us?

Life starts from a pure being. When a human being is born, he or she is born as an unspoiled being. When it comes out of its mother's womb, it is born innocent, not with some kind of blemish. Isn't that right? Therefore, a person's body is born pure, and his mind is also born with innocence. Even the heart of a young man, who can smell the fragrance of spring in his puberty, is born pure. Body and mind all are born innocent and spotless. But if a person has self-centered and licentious thinking, can that person be pure? Are you saying that you want to offer that kind of person to God? Being born with a pure mind and body, can you spend it on someone impure? According to the law of indemnity, you cannot do that.

As a youth who is close to 20, where would you put your holy, pure heart that is not defiled or tainted, having kept it safely and carefully? It should be placed on the altar with which God can be most happy. By this God will become happy. And the sacred ground where a man and a woman with such pure hearts can meet and be bound together is the place where a bride and a bridegroom meet.

You American parents think it strange and worry if your child does not have a person to date when he or she is 18. On the other hand, in Korea, the unmarried men and women of respectable families cannot even touch each other's hands before they are married, even if they are over 30. They cannot even wink at each other. Comparing their outlook on love, in the West there is free sex as well as all kinds of strange people involved in sex, but in the East, it is not like that. In the Principle viewpoint also, unmarried men and women have to be pure before marriage.

Can the Unification Church women have affairs or not? (No.) Can the Unification Church men have affairs or not? (No.) Does Father force them not to have affairs? (No.) They can do it if they want to. But it is inevitable that they don't. Thus, the Principle is effective. But if love affairs were prohibited by force, people would do it all the more. They would fall by themselves on their own accord.

In the Unification Church you cannot have love affairs. You absolutely cannot. Love has to begin in heaven and end in heaven.

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THE STANDARD FOR MATCHING AND OUR ATTITUDE

1.

FATHER'S EYE FOR MATCHING

Father knows how to see through people. In our tradition there is something called "*gunghap*" (marital harmony as predicted by a fortune-teller). A pine tree has to be grafted to a pine tree, but a pine tree and a poplar tree cannot be grafted to each other.

If Father sees a person just once, he instantly can perceive his nature and fate.

Father knows what kind of people are people who can receive good fortune. When he goes to where some people are gathered together, he knows whether or not some particular individual will become rich.

Father also can immediately tell someone's fate by looking at his hand. He can know right away whether the person is good at sculpture, good at literature, good at playing instruments, or whether he has a thief's hand.

Father has been leading and guiding many people until now, and that is why, if someone comes to him, Father can catch all of his good points and bad points right away, just by looking quickly at the way he smiles. There is a woman whose eyes protrude out as if they will fall down. That kind of woman should be matched to a person who has hollow eyes and protruding cheeks. If there are Unification Church women who look like that, they should not think even in dreams what kind of person they want. If such a woman does not think of anything other than to be matched to such and such a person, how can she be matched to that person? There is no way she will be matched to that person. Father will not do that.

If Father says to you, "This person is a match made in heaven for you,"

and decides the match definitely, it will be an absolutely right one. In order to find the right matches for you, Father does not sleep well. In the position of being responsible for others' matters of life and matters of spirit, the task is not simple. If you look at people, some are ill-fated. If you know how to look at faces, you can see that there are some types of people who will have to marry several times. That kind of person will become a widower. When I look at the eyes I can tell without fail. There is a type of woman for whom the right man inevitably will live uncomfortably with her for at least a few years and will constantly get into arguments with her for that period of time. In the case of a woman who has such a signboard on her, I have to give her a man who fulfills that criterion.

If such a man becomes her husband, at first he seems exactly like an enemy. If they were to start out harmoniously, that marriage would break apart. Therefore, if they start out as enemies, after a while they will fit perfectly. Father knows these things. No matter what the nature of the case, people have to discuss it with Father if it is about the Blessing.

When I am matching people one after another, I try not to look clearly at the contours of a person's face, if I can. I rather look at two persons for a while, and check what kind of feeling comes. It is as if there is a measuring device for minds, and I compare the two without delay. If when I look at the two, instantly and without self-awareness, I feel as if they are becoming one, then it is precisely a match made in heaven, a perfect match. As for some other pair, they seem to break away from each other. That is not a good match. And if there is an expression of concern for each other, those two will become a very good pair after some time passes.

From the day Father first began matching people until today, if Father says that a certain couple will have about a dozen kids, it comes true without fail. Father does not match people haphazardly. Because Father matches so many couples in a night, the people of the world think that Father matches people haphazardly. But Father's recommendation is exactly right. That is why fortune-tellers, physiognomists and persons who predict marital harmony look at those couples and say that those couples are the best they have seen. If you cannot believe that, go to the fortune-tellers, physiognomists, and match-makers by yourselves and ask them. They will say without fail that the couples fit perfectly.

Even when Father matches dozens of couples a night, the fortune-tellers would say that all the couples' "*saju*" (the four pillars of the year, month, day, and hour of one's birth which are supposed to have influence upon one's fortune), "*kwansang*" (phrenological interpretation), and "*gunghap*" (marital harmony) are the best. If they tried to equal that, they would have to make effort all day and do their very best job to match even one couple. The fortune-tellers (who look at the contours of people's facial structure in order to tell their character and fortune) are flabbergasted by the fact that even if Father matches dozens of couples in one day, all the "*sang*" (image or structure) fit right, and

they advertise the Unification Church. They are doing a good job as publicity agents for the Unification Church. This matching, which is centered on a fundamental issue of life, in terms of time takes place in a brief instant, yet it ties together part by part the destiny of the world. Therefore, from now on, the blessed families have to become one.

Father has dealt with many young men and women when giving the Blessing. They might have had negative feelings about each other even just a few minutes before. Whether they felt good or bad towards each other, once the decision is made, they really love each other. Among all revolutions, there is no other revolution like this. When "love" is said, all heaven and earth will come down. Even though they were saying that this is good, that is bad, and so forth, once the decision is made, they continually follow by themselves even if they are told not to. At that time if someone tells them not to meet, that person becomes an enemy.

Among all the mothers-in-law living with couples who have received the Blessing in the Unification Church and observing all aspects, you can see that there is none who say that they got a bad daughter-in-law. And of those people who got sons-in-law, they say that the sons-in-law whom they got by the Unification Church's Blessing are the best. Now we are in a stage where this fact can become common public opinion.

There is this person, Mr. Mo, who is well-known to be a good teller of *gunghap* in Korea. That person came to know the Principle and really respects Father. Mr. Mo said that since he is very famous in Korea and matching is his profession, he should help Reverend Moon in the matching. Then Father said, "I don't need help," and asked, "What about you, elderly man; how many couples can you do in a day?" He answered, "In order for me to match one couple, it will take me at least a week." I said that that is not going to do much for me. Then the elderly man asked, "Then Reverend Moon, how many can you do a day?" Father said, "My record is 72 couples and normally I match about 70 couples."

Father took out his material quietly and showed it to him saying, "Let us confront each other, comparing the way you do it and the way the Unification Church's Reverend Moon does it." The man was deeply impressed. He said, "Truly, you are a genius. How can it be possible?" For instance, there was a woman who will in some way die a sudden death, and no matter how much one looks for a mate for this woman in all the world, it seems impossible. But Mr. Mo said that Father picked just the right person for her. In this way there is something about Father.

When Father sees you for an instant, there is something he feels spontaneously and somewhat unconsciously. Besides having extraordinary wisdom, Father has a born genius for this kind of activity. That is also why Father was able to discover the Principle. If something flashes across my mind, right away I think and try to feel what the outcome and result of that will be. You

need that ability. When Father studies, he never reads the whole of one book. He does not even read half of it before he goes to a different one. Thus if I see a person for a moment, I quickly feel how this person's partner should be. That is why Father is better than you in all aspects.

When I first gave the Blessing, the parents who had been persecuting Father so much because their children joined the Unification Church said, "Reverend Moon of the Unification Church is bad, all right, but he is a little bit better now because he has matched my son and daughter so perfectly." Then is it good or bad for them to say that Father is a better person? (Good.) If it's good, everything is all right. But since they thought Father was bad, they should repent. Now, many parents want to become Unification Church members.

A while ago, when I was holding the 777 Couple Blessing, some parents came to me and said, "Reverend Moon, our daughter's name is such and such, and we really wish that you'll give her a good husband." When did parents' opinions become like this? In what interval of time did the Reverend Moon of the Unification Church rise up to this high position? The world does change. We think it is winter, but before one is aware, it is spring. Now I feel the taste of living. Because of even that small kind of enjoyment, Father can go on living.

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When God sees a person, He sees the person's mind, his past history and his future. You also have to look at people in this way.

At any moment, one could meet a handsome man or a beautiful woman and say, "Ah! I have never met a person as wonderful as you, so let's get married." And the other would say, "Let us," but when you open up the history of that other person, you see that he or she is a murderer. If you were to marry, dreams, hopes and everything would be shattered, and you would become miserable. That is why you must know the past.

Also, how are the person's ancestors? What kind of history does he or she bring along? And how are his or her parents at present? How is the family? Everything must be considered. And you also have to know whether this person will go to the north or to the south. You have to know how to perceive all these aspects.

Father has the ability to perceive a person's nature by looking at that person once very quickly. That is how, when I was blessing the Japanese, I matched all 230 couples in 10 hours. But then among them there were some who came to me saying that they do not fit with each other because there is discord. When I asked them, "You have this kind of history; do you or do you not?" they answered, "Yes, we do." Then I yelled, "That is why this woman is right for you, and this man is right for you." After that, they said, "We are sorry."

Father is a professional who knows how to look at people. Because I have

offered my life for this until now, I can see things right away. But I do not boast of my knowledge. I just pretend that I do not know. Even if I pretend that I do not know and turn my back, I can know it all just by the sense of smell. I know all about whether this regional leader here has given effort and devotion or whether he has not. If I pray for him a little, I will know everything. That is why the Unification Church is not just a phantom but is for real.

I examine a person's heart right away by looking at a slight indication in his eyes, and I know what he has been doing by looking at his image.

In two days I have matched 1,600 couples in Japan and returned to Korea. In twelve and a half hours, I matched them all. But it was not done with estimations made by finger or with my eyes closed. I compared personalities, looked at descendants and their whole life, and then decided. I looked at the ancestors, calculated the couples' spans of life, and matched them so that they could avoid the place of potential death by becoming one. It is the same as the fact that winds become nothing if they collide. Because Father matches people knowing this content, it is better than if each person matches him- or herself. They obey Father because it is better for them, even though I choose people in that short a time.

Father is not an ignorant person. Father knows about ancestors, about today's societies, about posterity, and about pretty much everything that is good to know. Because I know for certain that you will go on the right road if each of you give individual effort after receiving the Blessing, I guide you to the way of the Blessing. It is your responsibility to understand this, to act based on the theoretical foundation, and to examine whether the result that appears on the foundation of that action is in agreement with the Principle.

Father's nose is high and pointed and has a specific character. Just as the noses of Jewish people are pointed, the people who have religious tendencies have pointed noses. The nose represents Adam. The fact that the nose is high means that the mind is keen. Artists and people who have religious tendencies usually have pointed noses, right? The eyes symbolize God, the nose symbolizes man, and the mouth symbolizes all things.

The part of the face that takes up the most space is the eyes, and the next is the nose. If the center of the universe is man, the mouth represents all things and the forehead symbolizes heaven. And the nose that comes down on a straight line from the forehead and rises up high symbolizes Adam and Eve. Thus, if you establish a home in a circular form centering on the nose, you will prosper. (Everybody laughs.) And the ridge of the nose protrudes high like a mountain range from the forehead which symbolizes heaven. This symbolizes God appearing as man and woman.

The great differences in human fate is revealed by the shape of the mouth. That is why Father can know the nature and fate of a person by glancing at him once. The furrow on the border of the mouth should go down at an angle

away from the mouth. However, if it goes down straight close to the mouth, the person will face a hard life. When water flows, it should not fall down following this furrow in a straight line. It should flow around the border of the mouth, and not close to the mouth, for the person not to face hardship.

Why am I telling you this? It is to show you that everything is in accordance with the harmony of the universe. The face is composed of three stages. You can say that the mouth is formation, the nose is growth and the forehead is completion. A rich man has a wide forehead. Such a person has a good deal of ancestral merit. And again, the eyes, the nose and the mouth are in three levels; this is in accord with the law of three stages in the universe. As for internal organs, there are also three: the lungs, the stomach and the liver. Human beings possess every aspect of the mystery of all things.

Even if God does not go out for a walk, when man loves, He will feel everything through man. If a man makes love to a woman, he will know all about her collection of the female *sung sang* aspects of all things. When a woman finds a man, she will have found the collection of the masculinity of all things. In this way, if one man can love everything about one woman from the top of her head to the bottom of her feet, he has a connection to the center of the universe. It works the same way when a woman loves a man.

Moreover, even when a person sees the eyes of the one he or she loves, the person should see the eyes as the sum total of all people's eyes and the best flower bud. When looking at the nose of the beloved one, you can say that you looked with eyes of true love only if you feel that it is the representation or collection of the thousands of noses in the universe. No matter how ugly the mouth is, one must be able to think that it is the best masterpiece among all the mouths of humankind. The only power which enables us to do that is love.

When you laugh, do your eyes, nose and face laugh separately? Or does the whole face laugh at once? The person whose eyes and nose laugh, but whose mouth does not, will always be in need of food. And as for the person whose nose does not laugh but stays stiff while everything else laughs, his descendants will be scarce. And the person who laughs but whose eyes do not laugh usually is a person who lacks affection. Therefore, it is normal that every part of the face laughs at once with a wide smile. It is normal for the whole face to laugh when the mind wants to laugh, and it is the same with all things in the universe. If our minds are a metaphor for God, our faces are a metaphor for the visible world.

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THERE SHOULD BE THE HARMONY OF EXTREMES

When Father is giving the Blessing, he has to make two poles meet for there to be a harmonious family. He should not make east meet east or north meet north. He has to make north and south meet and east and west meet. All of you, do you think that I should match a tall brother with a tall sister or

a short sister? A fat man does not like a fat woman. Will a skinny man like a chubby woman or a slim woman? Think about it. Which would he like? He would like a chubby woman, right? If he does not like a chubby woman, what would happen if he is skinny and she is thin too? If on a mountain there are only big trees everywhere, it does not look good. There should be small trees, too.

If a handsome man and a beautiful woman live together, do you think that the family will survive? No, it will not. Each kind of person needs to receive the opposite kind. Everything in the universe is like that. I should match a short person to a tall person. If they are both tall, there will not be much fun in their lives. If there is a person who has a wide face, that person should expect a slender person. A person with a trumpet-shaped nose should be matched to another with a nose like a hawk's beak. A person with eyes that look like they are half open should be matched to a person with big eyes. And there is a certain person who always makes people feel uneasy whenever he opens his mouth. For that kind of person you need to give a taciturn, reticent person. In this way, this aspect and that aspect have to fit.

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When I select your spouses, I match according to this basic principle. Without knowing the agony and trouble Father went through, there is someone who says, "Oh, I do not like my spouse." That kind of person is going the course of his own unhappiness without knowing the Unification Church's Divine Principle. A person who is tall as a pole should meet a short person, and a chubby person should meet a slim person. In this way they can receive protection from one another's weaknesses and also receive care and love from the other person. If two people who are tall as poles meet or two people who are as chubby as drums meet, how unfortunate it would be. More than anything, one's love partner should establish an ideal harmony and balance.

A woman whose flesh is rather thin is not very good. A woman whose facial flesh is thin or who behaves tenderly is easily startled. In order to live with that kind of person, one has to fight at least once a week. Thus the person with whom she can live has to be like a hull, like a rock, in order for them to grow old together. That type of woman should know this and shouldn't think about marrying a handsome man even as a remote possibility.

For example, it is the formula that a person who looks like a triangle should meet an opposite-looking person, someone who is circular. Do not think of this as a difficult concept. It is the law of nature. The phenomena of the natural world can be checked against the predictions of the law of nature and he seen to agree. It is the same here. What can a thin person expect if he receives a thin spouse? That match cannot be successful now or in the future. Therefore, a thin person should be matched to a chubby person, and a short person should meet a tall person. What about a good-looking person? There is a saying, "A good-looking person has misfortune," right? That saying is true. When

two good-looking persons meet, what will come out of it? None of their descendants will be good-looking. What starts out high will fall all at once. It is a fundamental law that if the goal is met at the outset, the future can only see decline. Therefore, if there is a couple composed of a good-looking husband and a good-looking wife, will it rise or decline?

It is the law of the universe that what goes up must come down. The "golden mean" in the Oriental philosophies stated this matter well. It says that if two good-looking people meet, the end will be near. Thus, a good-looking man should be married to an ugly woman and a beautiful woman to an ugly man for there to be enduring prosperity. This is the only way to think.

Let us say that there is a person with a face elongated like a horse's. Then, what image is longer than that of a horse? It is the image of a grasshopper. But then if you match a grasshopper-like person to that horse-like person, what kind of children would they have? Think about what kind of children they would have. Probably they will have a child with the image of a lizard. That is the law of nature.

Because of this, all have to be matched to opposite types. To a person looking like a horse, Father has to give a person who is spread out sideways like a pumpkin or a round bucket. In this way, two opposite types can be harmonized well, and if they have ten children, they will have at least one or two useful children. But if I don't do that and instead give him the person he wants, when they have ten children, all of them will be useless.

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Is Do Soon Choi here? If you look at her character, she is just like a man. Her husband has a gentle character, and that is why they are living harmoniously as a couple. Her husband has a calm, natural disposition. She has such a character that if her husband hit her by mistake, she would grab anything around her and hit him back. But they are living together happily. They are living well together to this day despite her difficult character, because she has met that kind of a man. If she hadn't, by now. . . . When Choi Do Soon picks a fight with her husband, saying, "What kind of man are you?" the husband will keep out of her way. (Laughter.) It should be like that. That couple's children are also not so had. (Father asks Do Soon Choi:) How many daughters do you have? How many sons? (Three.) Three children. You have been blessed with what you need. You have also fulfilled the four position foundation.

Father gave international blessings directly to Koreans, Germans, Japanese, Americans and people of dozens of nationalities. When he matches Koreans, they do not talk much, but they do all kinds of mental calculations about whether their partners are good or bad. This is like death. If the partner is better than the person in terms of appearance and every other aspect, an ordinary person accepts that partner gladly. But I am so frustrated because they calculate so much. I am so anxious that those standing next to me feel their chest burning. After Father asks something in order to see how the person answers, some people just stand there for more than an hour

without words. At this time how dumbfounded must Father be?

But it is different with the Western people. In order to marry them, Father has to explain something first. Father explains that if possible, an older woman and a younger man should marry each other for them to live well together. Then they listen to Father well. But it is very difficult to convince Asians like Koreans and Japanese. Asians have the notion that it is a general rule for the bride to be younger. It is a traditional practice. But the Westerners are the opposite. As time passes, the persons who marry from extreme to extreme or pole to pole will be the best.

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THE FOUR TYPES OF MAN AND IDEAL BALANCE

Man, in developing himself, has to gain an understanding and a love for all four directions in their various aspects in order to stand straight and proceed in the right way. If he likes the east and does not like the west, he will only be half a man because of his lack of understanding about the west. If he does not like the west because he thinks that the east is day but the west is night, that person would, in the end, find it difficult to say that he understands the value of the day. Surely, one cannot know the day without knowing the night. And again, if by chance he gets trapped by the night, he might never be able to come out of it. The day can be gained only after crossing the night.

Man has the concept of all directions from where he is standing. Therefore, he has not only to understand and love the eastern direction and western direction but also to understand and love the south and the north.

If a person is asked to pick his or her ideal mate by preference from many people, that person will not be able to select the ideal partner. If there is the east, there is also the west, and if there is the south, there is also the north. If an east-type person meets another east-type person, it will not be an ideal match because of the absence of west. And if a south-type person meets another south-type person, it will not be ideal because there is no north. That is why the east-type person should find the west-type person and the south-type person should look for and go to the north-type person. Do you understand?

One year contains four seasons. There is fall, summer, spring and winter, but if a person just likes the flowering spring and does not like the cold and dark winter, he will never know the true value of spring. The winter is an absolutely necessary season for the coming of spring. The fruit that is born in the fall began its life in the spring, but the fruit by itself cannot break the thick shell. The ground holds the right moisture for the seed, and it freezes due to the cold of winter. It becomes loose when spring comes and by the swelling heat breaks the thick skin. Only then does the form of life that was inside the fruit begin to sprout. Therefore, winter is absolutely necessary for the coming of spring.

Even inside our lives, we can use winter effectively. In the spring, you can go to the mountains and hills to find the fragrances of flowers, but in the winter you can enjoy yourself by skiing over the white snow.

The person who can absorb anything by being beautiful in terms of compassion and by being pleasant in terms of emotion corresponds to the spring season. A person who has a lot of affection and many tears corresponds to the summer. A person who is equanimous, clean and faultless corresponds to the autumn. The person who corresponds to the winter has an essential element of being unable to be separated by clinging on tenaciously. You yourself should know the season to which you correspond.

One who corresponds to the spring should meet a counterpart corresponding to the fall. A summer person should meet a winter person. A person who is so hot that he makes others worry should be cooled down by someone who is cold. These things can be known by looking at each person's eyes and appearance.

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A person who likes only the east or only the spring will ultimately be isolated from the other directions and other seasons. This is far short of the goal of human desire. The directions are east, west, south and north, and the seasons are spring, summer, fall and winter. People differ according to their preference for one of the four directions and four seasons. You can understand this by thinking about the fact that there are people living in the arctic regions as well as people living in the tropical regions. Thus one should visit every place on this earth and also experience living in all seasons: spring, summer, fall and winter.

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Without an object, "I" cannot exist. "I" must recognize the object in order that "my" existence is also acknowledged by the object. If a man likes summer, the woman who is his object should like winter in order for there to be a balance.

If a beautiful woman is matched to an equally good-looking man, how displeased she would be. For this reason, a beautiful woman prefers a person who is full of healthy masculinity over a plain good-looking man. In this way they can attain a harmony of love.

In order for an spring-like woman to pass through summer and winter, she has to meet an autumnal man. A woman who corresponds to spring has to pass through summer in order to meet an autumnal man, and the autumnal man has to pass through winter in order to meet the spring-like woman. Therefore both ultimately will pass through all four seasons.

When Father selects your spouses, Father matches according to this principle. There is someone who says, "My gosh, I do not like it," without knowing Father's love, which is full of pain and effort. That kind of person not only does not know Unification Church's Divine Principle, but also is going the way of unhappiness.

4.

YOU MUST BE ABLE TO GO OVER "THE HILL OF THE EYE"

When you marry, you want to receive a good-looking person, a good-looking woman, right? If everybody thinks like that, well, how many among you are good-looking? Thus you must think differently or you will not be able to go over the way of suffering. When the eyes hate something, if you can say, "You eyes! That is the road of thorns which you have to go through, but let's see what we don't want to see, and let us love as God loves," those eyes are beautiful. Other people cannot see in that way.

God thinks in this way. God is the world champion in appearing in disguise. You should think that the person who appears as your beloved spouse is a son or daughter of God, whom He truly loves, and that therefore He may come disguised as the most ugly person. If you love your husband or wife with those eyes, it has the same significance as loving God's son and daughter.

Think that the bridegroom or bride who looks good in my eyes actually does not like me, that God chose wrongly, and that he or she came to tempt me. When you look at a beautiful woman, you should think that she is a temptress who came to take you out. It is more advantageous to look ugly than to look good. And if the spouse is too big, you should think that since God is big, He has allowed you to meet a big person. If you meet a small spouse, you should think that since God has many little creations, He has given you a small person. In this world people use beautiful women and handsome men for conspiracies. They deceive others using beautiful women and handsome men. Therefore, you should think that beautiful women and handsome men are dangerous beings who have a high possibility to become the tools of Satan. And how proud you could be by thinking that you have met a safe person who will not be used by Satan.

If black people think that they are black because while the white people are arrogant, they are trying to become naturally humble, they will come closer to God. Are you now confident to go over "the hill of the eye"?

Among the many women, there must be one who thinks, "Since I have such a pretty face, any man who looks at me will fall deeply in love with me. Which man will he be?" She should rather think, "Even though I am so beautiful, if there is God's will of love which wants to dissolve the resentment of all men, how wonderful it would be if He used me to leave the name of an exemplary woman in front of even the world's ugliest man."

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No matter how ugly the face is, that is not important. What matters is what kind of mind the person has.

Thus, when you are asked whether to choose a wife with a nice face or a wife with a good heart, which one would it be? Also, you women, do you want to receive a man with a good-looking appearance or a man with a good heart? It would be good if both were good, but there is no such being. It will blow

up on its way. If you put gas in a balloon and let it go on a murky and gloomy day, it will not pop even if it is high up. But if you put too much air and fly it on a sunny day, it will pop. On a good-weather day, you should put little air in the balloon and make it not too inflated so that it does not pop easily.

Those young men and women who are unmarried should have dreams. You must make a general rule that even if you meet the ugliest husband or wife, you will do your best. If you make a rule that you should receive a beautiful wife or handsome man, all will break up. The one who thinks that one will go the way of God's will by being grateful no matter what kind of man or woman one receives, and thinks this with sincerity, God will bless above the degree of their thinking.

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When you get blessed, don't think you will get blessed to a beautiful woman. You must say that you will become a person who can prosper and live well by being the husband of the ugliest woman in the world. In that way, you should be a husband whom any beautiful woman in the world can respect. Do you understand what I am saying? You must deal well with a woman by having this sort of viewpoint.

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What kind of wife or husband will you meet and marry? You must make the general rule that you will meet the ugliest person and love him or her by being an exemplary spouse. In this way you should marry and live a good life.

The higher the degree of love, the more a person will be able to move around in the infinite universe.

I have thoughts different from the people of the world. In the Unification Church's mass wedding, the person who thinks, "Since I am a handsome man, please marry me to a beautiful woman," is disqualified in terms of the Unification Church's historical tradition. You pass if no matter what kind of spouse you receive, you can think of him or her as your spouse and stick close to your man or woman.

True love has to conquer shady spots. Whenever Father thought about an ideal spouse, I always thought that I could say I love my partner even if she was ugly.

From now on, good-looking people should be married to ugly people. We should venerate them. Such a time will come. Our world has to become that kind of world. We should anticipate the tradition of a country which comes from the wife who lives with a crippled man or the husband of a handicapped woman. That kind of person should be comforted through the environment, right? Until now this did not happen, but in the future it will definitely be like that.

Can you know what your faces look like? Your faces change every day, actually hundreds of times a day. Can you draw on a paper the changing

expressions of the face with a mirror in front of you? You might think that you know your face very well, but sometimes it becomes ugly even to the extent that you are surprised. When your mind is happy, your face also blooms wide. But if your mind is unhappy, your face also distorts. Depending on everyday feelings, your facial expressions change. It is because the face is the representation of the mind. The face that appears relative to the mind and centering on the mind becomes a happy face when the mind is happy and sad when the mind is sad. That is why you cannot say, "This is how I look." It is because you cannot tell exactly which shape your face has at any time. Your face is close to you and one with you; that is why you cannot know what your face looks like.

It is the same as the principle that an object very close to your eyes can't be seen very well when you try to look at it. When you touch and feel your own hands, do you feel the same precise perception as when you touch another's person's hand? You cannot feel them that well. In the same way, the person who establishes that his partner, i.e., his wife, looks a certain way, is essentially mistaken. In the same way as not exactly knowing how one's face looks, one cannot say, "This is the right face," of my beloved wife. Just as his face changes, his wife's face also changes constantly, depending on her state of mind. Thus she appears different every time and her appearance also depends upon the observer's state of mind. If an observer remembers the smiling, happy face, that image becomes the wife's image. And if she felt seriousness and dignity in her husband's face, that face becomes the one that she remembers. If someone laughs with side teeth showing, that face is remembered as the person's face. In this point of view, feeling the charm of someone is because one thinks centering on that representation and then magnifies that representation. In other words, whether it is a man, woman, wife or husband, all have infinite shapes centering on love.

When getting married, you should know that you could lose the opportunity time for marriage if you try to select a spouse centering on yourself. When getting married, it is common for a woman to emphasize academic level and economic strength over what is most important, such as love, health and capabilities. It is a mistake to think like that. If you choose your spouse by putting love as the last of concerns or by being in a condition of de-emphasizing love because of conditions and matters of understanding, your marriage cannot become happy.

The instance where you prefer a woman with a pretty face over others means same thing. Since that face cannot last for eternity, it will soon become old with wrinkles. The face has eyes, nose, mouth and ears, and to think someone is pretty or ugly based on the position and arrangement of these parts is not correct thinking.

If you think that your spouse is lovely, even if her eyes are unseemly, all will look pretty and beautiful. Therefore, depending on whether or not you have a loving mind, the person can look beautiful or ugly. There can be the instance where even if one looks quite unseemly in daytime, one could look

beautiful at night. This is because a loving mind contracts and expands, back and forth.

When a man and a woman meet, the love between them becomes deeper and deeper as they give and take by understanding and relating to each other his or her own circumstances. Try thinking that my fiancé is unique and the best companion and shout it out. If that happens, that fiancé will become the best lover.

If you think, "I like my fiancé for his big eyes. I like big eyes. How long have I waited to meet a man with big eyes," then the man's eyes will become even bigger, and their love will become deeper and deeper. This is a valid theory and not a fabrication. You should know that this is the true, ideal theory of love.

There is some person who seems to have small eyes when in actuality he has big eyes. And another person could have small eyes that appear bigger than they really are. This is all because of the ideology of love.

5.

THE ONE WHO WANTS TO GO DOWN WILL RISE UP

I want to ask you one question. When you get blessed, you probably want to get blessed with the best and the most distinguished person. But we should think this over. It would not matter so much if two similar persons met, but what if the most distinguished person in the Unification Church meets our most ugly and undistinguished person? How happy would the ugly person feel in the distinguished person's position? If God wants to feel compassion for someone, God would justly feel compassion for the person who lowers himself and wants to live with someone worse than him- or herself, more than for the person who raises him or herself. Therefore, the Bible says that the one who wants to die will live, and the one who wants to live shall die. This is the same principle. For instance, the person who thinks that he will be fine even if he meets the worst person will meet the best person. And the person who thinks that he should meet the most distinguished and the best person will meet the worst person. If there is a woman who thinks that she is too base to live with a great man and lowers herself, she will meet someone even better. Those things will happen because there is the heavenly law that says that the one who wants to lower himself will become high. No one can evade this law. If there is a woman who thinks, "I am such an unattractive person; how painful it would be for this man to live with me for the rest of his life," and lowers herself, the law of the universe will inevitably move and make her attractive. God loves that kind of person. The person whom God loves will appear beautiful.

When I was preparing for the Blessing, I quietly watched one member. I called the person and tested her. I asked, "To what kind of person would you like to be matched?" She said, "I like this and that kind of man." Then I said,

"What kind of man is that? You are greedy. You don't have the good fortune to get married." Then she said, "Is that how it is, Father? If you specify for me anyone in your mind, I will marry him." At that time I said, "What about this person?" and tested her by picking one from the lowest place. She said, "Yes, I want to. I will gladly do it." Then Father absolutely did not match her to the person of the lowest level. I do the opposite. In the work of God, it is inevitable that the one who wants to become high will be lowered, and the one who wants to lower themselves will become high.

Father himself did that. When Father was getting married, he did not do it by looking up. If you do things by looking up, it becomes harder. And trying to live by looking up is hard. It is much more comfortable to look down at a 45° angle and live. Think about it. How difficult it would be to live with a wife who thinks she is so great. Some man might think, "Since I did not study enough, I need a wife who has graduated college." Such a person is finished. How embarrassing it would be for a man to sit on his wife's lap and talk about how much he learned and so forth. It is all right to be unlearned.

Then am I saying that those women who graduated from college should not get married? No, not necessarily. I will bless them, but they should take off the pride of having graduated from college. So what if you have a degree? Do you need university diplomas to have children? "I have a bachelor's degree and Ph.D."—is this needed? Those things are unnecessary. There is a lyric of a song which says, "Are you a man only by graduating from a university?" In the same way, it doesn't matter how one looks as long as they fit right. When you think about the signboard called college, it is a big obstacle for marriage. Therefore, don't ever think like that.

Don't you think that Father himself thought about this matter from the viewpoint centering on the course of restoration? "What would I do if, upon the foundation of 6,000 years of effort, God selected the most unattractive person to be my spouse?" When Father first stepped forward to walk the road of God's will, Father thought about this. "Will I sincerely and truly welcome her? Can I seriously and sincerely welcome her?" What do you think about that? You too should approach the Blessing with such an attitude.

Unification Church women, you look at yourselves in a mirror and say such things as, "I will not be ignored wherever I go, since I look so good." If I catch such a person, I'll . . . If you feel hurt by these words, please run out of here.

When I was here the last Blessing time, I saw that some people had timid eyes. For the first week I left them alone. Then some person would come out by the door and look up and down at the other people. He seemed so busy because he wanted to look at hundreds of people by himself. But don't even think about looking around. You should think that you will marry the ugliest person. You should think, "Even if I marry that ugly person, I will live happily with that person." If you are sitting down thinking like that, your mind

will he much more comfortable.

Don't be like the person whose mind flies from one person to another evaluating according to his own desire. This is not good.

You should not look at even one person; just look at the floor. The person who looks around is a cheat or a thief. Why? He is a thief who wants to fool himself. There also may be someone who writes down another's name on a paper and decides that person will be his or her spouse. Some woman writes down her number one choice, and then if he is not picked within a week, she has an affair with him in her mind. If that person then says that he likes her, she thinks that he is hers for sure. Don't do that. If someone says that you are his or her first choice, you should think, "You can write it down, but it does not really concern me."

If you are only concerned about saving face and your self-respect, and lose the chance to get blessed, not only you yourself but your family and descendants will become miserable.

You should not think lightly even of a prostitute who is abandoned on a street. If there is a cataclysmic change, that prostitute could become a king's wife. Isn't that right? Is there a law that says she cannot become like that? If the king says that he will kill himself if he does not marry her, there is nothing anybody can do. So do not look at the world from your own viewpoint. A wise person realizes that just because something is high, one shouldn't just look at the top. Even in the lowest pit, there is an infinitely high place. That is how things are. When you look at the three-dimensional world, it could be like that. From a two-dimensional viewpoint, you might think that Nam San in Seoul is the highest mountain, but farther north all mountains are higher than Nam San.

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Now you know your position, right? Will you follow the king of the satanic world or the servant in the heavenly world? Do you want to follow the servant of heaven? Great! At least you answer well.

If a lame, crippled person in the Unification Church and the king of the world both wanted to marry the same woman, to whom should that woman go? This is not a laughing matter. Where does she have to go? She must receive the cripple of the Unification Church. He might be crippled, but he could conceive a baby who will be a prince of the heavenly world.

6.

THE PREREQUISITES THAT ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EDUCATION

People with ambition think that since they have graduated college, they should go to graduate school. . . . They want to earn Ph.D.'s, right? But if you want to look for a person with a doctorate, are there any among the young

men gathered here for the Blessing? A person with a Ph.D. is close to 30 and like a mole. No matter how good they say that person is, he does not have conjugal affection. Most people do not know this. What I am saying is that even if you set your hopes on marrying a Ph.D., his having that degree does not guarantee that you will be happy.

I have been matching you for three days, and I spent one and a half hours with the women. These people who supposedly have graduated high school or college all looked around, opening their eyes wide. They lowered their eyes only for a short while, and again opened their eyes wide, trying to look for good partners.

For a day and a half I told them to lower their eyes, but they lowered them only a short while and again raised their heads to look around. Everyone seems to be unsatisfactory for them. So since it will not do to bless people with such an attitude, there was no other way but to go around and grab whoever was suitable. A change of strategy occurred. Even for God, there is no other way. Before the rock appears, He has to try to look for soft ground. It is common sense to use this strategy.

How can you get around my strategy? You may not like it, but I do it the way of the Bible. I do it according to God's will, according to the Principle, and not according to my will. Then what is God's will? God's will is that the one who wants to become high is brought low and the one who wants to lower himself is raised up. I told the junior high school graduates to choose those above the junior-high level, so they did. I matched them all to the high-school graduates and to college graduates.

This was not Father's personal strategy, but was what Father had to do according to the Principle. You should understand this. Therefore, I do not have the responsibility for whether you agree to marry or not. I also interchange leaders based on this fundamental rule.

At this time also the ones who got blessed (1800 couples) were serious about choosing their spouses, but they were serious without the right content. If they were serious with content, we could quite easily have broken through. If one is serious centering on oneself, one will become Satan's food. The group of people who were supposed to get blessed were all high-school and college graduates. But they all wanted to go up, and what good is that? That attitude gives you a score below zero.

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Those of you who want to become the wife of someone who judges without love, raise your hands. There are none. Why? Only after the existence of love can judgment exist. Love does not grow out of judging. But because of the fall, God, who is supposed to love the world before He becomes a judge, became the judge first and then is finding love.

God brings people into judgment first in order to make them worthy of love. Thus the Christians say that God is a God of judgment. But in the Unification Church, we know that God is a God who judges in order to love.

Among you there may be someone who says, "Since I have graduated from a university, my spouse should be a woman with a bachelor's degree," or, "Only a man who graduated from a graduate school is right for me." But anyone, even a common laborer, is right for that person. Man and woman are made to fit with each other. Please don't think that you must have someone who fits your concept.

It is the same with all you blessing candidates. Let's say there is a good-looking woman among the blessing candidates. She might look splendid on the outside. But what is important is whether or not she has the value to exist in the future in front of the will of God. That is the primary question for the man whom that woman meets.

But among the blessing candidates, some woman comes up to Father and says, "Since I have graduated from a university, shouldn't my spouse at least be a university graduate?" Then Father said to that woman, "OK, you think you are so good. Since you said that you are so smart and graduated college, choose any man you like by yourself as your spouse and marry him." How much better would it be for her if she had said that she wanted to marry a man with the mind of loyalty and devotion?

On the other hand, among the blessing candidates this time, there was a woman who had only graduated from elementary school. Father called her up and said, "Since your face does not look so good, it would be much better if you at least had graduated from high school." Then she said, crying, "Since I only graduated from elementary school, it does not matter which person it is as long as he is a person who is working hard for God's will and does not speak many words." So Father matched her to the most intelligent regional leader among all the high-school graduates. Is Father's way wrong? That is the way heavenly fate moves.

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This time when Father went to Japan, I said to the Japanese members, "If you do not listen to me, Japan will perish in 70 or 80 years." Also when I asked each of the sisters whether she wanted to receive a good husband or a bad husband, they were so moved by warmth and affection that all of them cried. What about you? Do you men want to receive a good bride or a bad bride? It is no use to ask this to some men who are like thieves.

Then, which type of bridegroom is good? If he has a handsome face, good appearance and a diploma from a top-ranking university like Tokyo University in Japan, is he a good bridegroom? Is he? Some people will say, "Yes." But even if someone graduated from a top-ranking school, if he does not believe in the Unification Church, you would not want to marry him, right? Do you want to receive a bridegroom who is a graduate of a top school but who does not believe in the Unification Church, or do you want to meet someone who is just a manual laborer on a farm, who does not know whether he is going to die or live, but is loyal and devoted to the Unification Church? Whom do you want to receive? I don't have to ask you since you will probably answer that you want

to meet the manual laborer loyal to the Unification Church. That is how it is.

Then I asked the Japanese women whether they would marry the worst-looking person if he were the most devoted to the Unification Church, and they were hesitating whether to answer or not. But what can they do? They had to answer. Eventually they answered, "We will go to the worst-looking person." Human beings are like this. This is the absolute truth.

I continued, "Then if there is a most faithful person in Japan and most faithful, black person in Africa, and if that African who is ugly is ten times more devoted to the Unification Church than the Japanese, will you marry the African? Please answer me." Then the women answered in tiny voices, "We will go to Africa."

7.

MARRIAGE SHOULD BE FOR THE SAKE OF THE DESCENDANTS

When Father matches you, what do you hope for in the spouse whom you will marry? You should not hope for someone who looks good to you but for someone who will give you good sons and daughters. You should marry for the sake of your children. I Low would it be if by letting people marry according to their own choice, they had children at whom no man or woman in the world would look? There is no worse fate than that. That unhappiness will last a lifetime. It is worse than the unhappiness felt by being crippled or having some defect.

Therefore, our marriages are for the sake of our descendants. Thus, even though candidates might appear unsuitable in some way, the problem is how to match people so that their children inherit only their parents' good points.

Love was supposed to begin from heaven, but it started from Satan. What is the fall? It is something that started horizontally from Satan and from Eve. You are the descendants and therefore are horizontal. You seek Father's blessing, and in a sense Father is being used by you. But what does Father desire for you? Father hopes for your well-being. Father desires that you do not have bad descendants. This is Father's intention.

Marriage is not for the good of the self. What if you have bad children? That household will perish.

The fact is that Reverend Moon of the Unification Church blesses people not for themselves but for their descendants. I have a different view from you.

What does Reverend Moon of the Unification Church think is the purpose of marriage? I regard marriage to be for the sake of the nation. If you marry for your nation, what happens? The goal is achieved when the parents have children who are better than themselves. For example, imagine the offspring of a marriage between a man and woman who both have a triangular form. Will their offspring enrich the nation and future generations? Such a marriage can destroy the nation.

Why do you women marry? It is not for "I." It is to inherit the foundation of thousands of years and of ten thousand generations of chosen people; it is for the future generations. If you marry for the sake of yourselves, you will destroy everything. That kind of decadent trend is sweeping over the world, and all of it has to be cut off. If you young women have that selfish thought, you are my enemies.

To become an owner who can love a nation first, and then to become a wife, is the natural law of the Principle. While Adam was growing to perfection, he was becoming perfect as the owner of a nation. Adam was supposed to fulfill perfection as the central owner of the world. Therefore it is the Principle that you are to be blessed after becoming a man or a woman who dreams of becoming the owner of the world and who can take the responsibility for being the owner of a nation. Can you be blessed without having done that? There is no way.

I don't know if I told you, but when we were having the closing ceremony for the workshop in Soo Tack Li training center, one person gave a testimony saying that when she had a baby she had a Caesarean section. And she was wondering why she felt so good. She could not explain, but it felt good. Then she said, "When you were always talking about the restoration of the four position foundation, I did not understand, but after having a son I now know what it means to fulfill the four position foundation as the Principle says. Truly it is something of which to be proud." Then Father said to her, "Hey, don't talk about the four position foundation and things like that. If you feel good, just say that you feel good." That's how it is. It feels good to have everything. But when you don't have children, you feel unhappy. No matter how beautiful she is, if she lives alone, that is unhappiness.

That is why you should realize that marrying in the Unification Church is for long life and for your descendants. Don't be concerned about how you or your spouse look. You must be like this, honestly. Think, "Since I look this way, I should receive this kind of man for my descendants to be the best." For example, a person whose eyes are sunken will certainly become a widow. So that kind of person should be matched to someone whose eyes protrude and whose cheekbones stick out. In this way their characteristics fit together. You can say that we are doing an engrafting process in order to improve a seed plant and to obtain a new plant.

So you should not worry that your spouse does not look good to you. Father has been leading a lot of people until now. If I look at the children of the people I blessed, they are on the whole better than their parents. Do you think it's true or not? If it's true, then it means that I have matched them well.

8.

THE LABOR OF TRUE PARENTS TO RECOMMEND ENGAGEMENTS

I have a plan to hold a special workshop for the young men and women

all over the nation in March. But in order to match 700 couples, even if I decide five couples a day, they will always have to think about the Blessing, even while sleeping or eating, for five months. They will wrestle with the one problem called Blessing for five months.

If that happens, the young men and women might rejoice in the fact that they are getting blessed, but it is a big problem for Father who has to take responsibility for it and take care of everything. I feel the same way as when I was being tortured by the Japanese during their occupation of Korea. I feel as if I were digging through a long tunnel full of poisonous gas.

That is why Father requests that those who will be attending the special workshop in the near future not make trouble for Father. Today, for the occasion of celebrating my birthday, I ask this favor from you and that you please understand my situation.

Where else in this world is there this kind of marriage ceremony? Father did his work without sleeping, beginning the ceremony at 10 p.m. and ending at 8:30 a.m. Other people's lives and their marriages are this important.

In Japan, in two days Father chose 1,610 couples to hold an engagement ceremony. For you, it would be hard even to make 1,610 sheets of paper and to match them.

You should think about it. To make connections of love over national boundaries for 12,000 young men and women from 83 countries might be easy in words, but in actuality, how easy is it? What kind of benefit does Father gain by doing this work? In order to bless 6,000 couples, Father was always tired. I have rested a little since the Blessing ceremony ended . . . But there is never a moment when my body is comfortable.

From this viewpoint, you can expect that in the near future there will be many obstacles before Unification Church members can receive the Blessing of heaven. At this time, how do I feel as I take responsibility and do this work for several months? I feel as if I were entering a coal mine. You should try going into that hole. If you have heart problems, you cannot go down into the mine. When you first enter it, it is dark. The further you go, the narrower it is. Father feels as if he were passing through such a tunnel while matching you.

When Father toured some foreign countries and went to Germany to bless some Western people, a man of about forty who had lost his teeth was waiting for Father, postponing marriage. He was saying that he would never get married if not by Father. Wouldn't it be better that his parents arrange a marriage for him rather than Reverend Moon of the Unification Church? What about you? (It is better that Father arranges the marriage.) This is why there is so much commotion and why Father receives so much slander and persecution. What good have you done to deserve having Father arrange your marriage for you? Father selects the right one for someone and then receives injury

for it. If Father did not do that, he wouldn't have to suffer in that way. But red people, black people and yellow people all stick their head in and ask Father to arrange marriages for them. That is why Father holds mass weddings. Even if you have a feast every day for twelve months of a whole year, there will still be some people left over. That is why there is no other way but with a mass wedding. But you cannot be haphazard about a marriage that comes only once in a lifetime.

In order to truly subjugate all people, you must start at the lowest place. You do not know what kind of order Father will give this time. You probably do not know how much internal agony Father went through until the time of your Blessing. I have placed you here with the heart of a gambler drawing the last card.

Even though I continue matching past midnight, past two o'clock, and even stay up all night, my eyes cannot get tired. You must be steadfast in this place. Yesterday and today, I have not slept many hours—maybe only one hour. I cannot sleep while I am taking responsibility for others' lives, taking care of the most important matter of people's lives, which comes about only once.

Because the couples I select in a matter of a few moments are better in every way than what you could choose in ten years, I am doing this work. It is serious. Since I came to know the secret of going beyond the fate of inevitable destruction and doing the one mission which has never been accomplished, I can put up the signboard which says that the Unification Church has not perished but has prospered and is victorious. Do not become small-minded people.

III CASES AT THE ENGAGEMENT

CASE 1. THE PERSON WHO PRAYS FOR HIMSELF

Father once told the Blessing candidates to write down their choices on a sheet of paper, and some people wrote down five names. There must also be someone like that among the people who are here. So I thought that this time I might tell people to write down over ten names, but this would be difficult because you do not know everyone's names. You cannot indicate a person by drawing his or her face on a piece of paper. You just have to clearly write down the three syllables of his or her name. Since it is difficult to write down many names, I asked people to write down about five.

Then when I saw what they wrote down, it was really something. The women all focused their attention on the man who was the most outstanding. Also the men all concentrated their attention on the woman who was sup-

posedly the most beautiful. Even though there were about 500 people, all of them asked for the most handsome or the most beautiful. But I cannot marry 500 women to one man, so I was in the position to remove 499 of them. If that happens, it is more troublesome for the women than for the men.

It seems that the way men think is better than the way women think. When Father quickly glanced at a man's list and told him, "Hey, your number one choice has flown to someone else," then the man just accepted that that's the way it is. But when I told a woman, "Hey, your number one choice has flown to another man," the woman stuck out her lip grumpily. I felt so bad, even though it's obvious that 500 people cannot have the same person. But women think, "Since I have prayed for Father to give me this person, I think he will listen to my prayers." That kind of prayer is useless even if done for a thousand years. Do not pray like that. That prayer is full of greed. Answering it will not be possible. Isn't that right? All 499 would pray, "Please let me be married to that person," right? Then to whose prayer will God listen? He will sympathize with the one who did not pray for herself. Even if Father were God, he could arrange no other outcome.

Therefore, those who pray for themselves are selfish people. Rather you should think, "I entrust everything to You, God. I will receive anyone. Only do as You will. If You tell me to die alone of old age, I will do that too." This is the most comfortable thinking for your minds.

I can feel it when people don't think like this but whisper among themselves, saying that the Unification Church is like this or like that. If that happens, Father neglects them for about a week. Then they make an uproar since the result they expected doesn't come. After three days or so pass, they become serious and do not even eat. When a week has passed and their worldly eyes become loose, then Father may feel that they have sacrificed enough and will announce the results.

During the matching, if someone shakes his head saying that he does not like the person, I match him the last. He cannot do anything about Father's not matching him. Someone may think, "I have done a 40-day cold shower and prayer condition in order to get blessed, so Father will certainly match me first." But it will never be that way. The person who prays centered on himself is a person who will receive punishment from heaven.

But if someone prays, "There is a special gathering for the Blessing at this time. Heavenly Father, it does not matter who becomes my spouse, but please let the person be among the ones whom You can be happy with. If it is a person I know, it will be that much better." Since this prayer is open, it will transmit to heaven. If you are going to pray, you should pray like that. But if everyone prays, "I will not receive anyone except that one woman," then what will happen? It should not be like that.

CASE 2.
PICTURE MARRIAGE

The women who are gathered here, please listen carefully. The members in Japan will do anything that Father tells them to do by a special order. If Father says, "Will you marry a Korean?" one hundred out of one hundred will consent. The Americans are the same. If I say, "Will you marry a Korean man who does manual labor?" they have to say, "Yes." Whether they like it or not, they will say, "Yes." They might not like it at first, but when they meet their spouses, they are sure to like them.

This is the special privilege that only the Unification Church has. The way of the Unification Church is to hold a marriage ceremony with the husband on one side of the Pacific and his wife on the other, or one in Tokyo and the other in the middle of Seoul. How wonderful! I wish I could have a marriage like that. People will say to the blessed couples, "You are better than me. Your husband is better than me. You are better than me since you have done what I could not do; you have married a husband who was overseas."

How great it is that without even having looked at the person, just his or her picture, you have married the person. You have never met, never seen, and never had a conversation with your spouse. How rich is the heart of someone who can attend a person as a husband just by looking at a picture? How rich. How sincere her heart is, saying that she does not like any of the Korean men and is looking for a Japanese man. How much has she loved him that she marries him just by looking at a picture? That is truly an ideal couple.

Father is doing the work that makes this possible. Thus the world is incapable of containing Father. This time when Father was blessing 120 couples by gathering them in Citizens' Hall, Father did not send formal notices to their parents saying, "Will you allow your son or daughter to get married?" Father did not bow his head saying, "I will hold a mass wedding for your son and daughter, so please give me permission." But Father never met one parent who protested saying, "Why have you given marriage to my son and daughter?" Who else can do this sort of thing?

When you see this, you can sense that the person who thinks deeply has better views about us. What group or what nation can do this kind of work? What president of a nation can do this? Only the Unification Church can do it. The parents of the blessed couples still feel gratitude towards Father. That's how it is.

CASE 3.
THE STORY OF A COUPLE

Not long ago Father visited Chun Nam. There was a woman there who I remember was at the Blessing last time. I don't know if her husband is here today. That woman was the one who was left after everybody took their spouses. As the person who is responsible, I could not help but heartistically sympathize with her. A good-looking woman can be tossed about, and still there are a lot of people who will take her. Even if I tell them not to take her,

they will fight to take her. But since people are different from objects, nobody will marry a person he hates even if I tell him in a morning service. Everybody was picked, and only one or two were remaining. She was one of them.

Every man without exception knows how to distinguish a person of beauty. At that time, even Father himself from a human point of view could not ask a man to marry her. Then how can I, as a matchmaker, fulfill her marriage? If you were in the position to make a match for that kind of person, what would you say? Whether it is a man or woman, all of them trust Father and think that they will be matched to the best possible spouse. So since everyone has high hopes and has such a high standard of assessing a spouse, how can I give someone who is below his or her standard? Yet if I don't, I will have to match everyone to a person of highest standards, but that is impossible. What can I do about this?

So what did I say? I said that if someone marries this woman, the second generation will be handsome if it is a boy and beautiful if it is a girl. But what happens if the children are not handsome? What if their children resemble their mother? That husband will protest to Father. Wouldn't that be so? He can protest all he wants saying that Reverend Moon of the Unification Church deceived him and made him marry an ugly woman. But if they have beautiful children, everything will be solved simply. In this serious position, I matched them.

Then while I was visiting Chun Nam, I stopped at a station for a short time, and saw that couple. My heart was palpitating, and I was wondering if she had a baby. She was carrying a baby on her back. So not paying any attention to anybody else, I went to her, looked at the baby, and said, "Wow, the baby is so handsome." In this way I encouraged her. So, let's just smile at this and go over it.

CASE 4. ONE CRIPPLED WOMAN

When I was blessing people, there was one crippled woman. But her face was not ugly. She was born with a good ancestral background and a good nature, but she became deformed due to the fault of her parents. Every time I matched her to someone, each would reject her. In actuality, who likes to marry a deformed person? Then I saw one certain person who had sunken eyes and many defects in his appearance. I knew that the person who could make up for those defects was that woman. Thus I began to persuade him, "Even though this woman looks this way, she is a good person. If you notice parts of her that you do not like, you can close your eyes. But her face is really beautiful. And why are you getting married? Isn't it for the sake of descendants? If you marry her in this kind of position, will it not remain for a long time in the history of the Unification Church? It will be an incident that I will not forget for the rest of my life." In this way I talked to him. And I matched him saying, "If you marry her and have a daughter, she will be a beautiful girl, and if you have a son, he will be a general."

Several years later Father visited a region, and that couple attended the meeting. As soon as that man saw me, he ran up. I asked him if I could see his baby, and when I looked, I saw that she was a really beautiful girl. Thus he was praising his daughter saying that what Father said is absolutely true. In the same way, don't think that somebody is good just because he or she appears good externally.

All people are brothers and sisters. If there is a deformed person among one's brothers, it is brotherly love to sacrifice for that person. Again, if one's parents are in the same situation, it is the way of the filial son to obey and sacrifice for those parents. This is the general rule. Let's say that there is a child who is not only ugly but also so short that others will not even look at him. But his parents will feel the utmost pity for that child. It is the nature of a parent to love that child with the heart of God more than anybody else.

CASE 5. THREE ELITES OF AMERICA

I will tell you about a very special incident. In America now, there was a matching with some older women who deserve medals for pioneering our church there. They were all 42 or 43 years old. If they had married previously, they would all have had children by now. I should give the Blessing to them, but where could I find their spouses? This was the big problem I faced as I left to meet with them.

When Father went there and explained this problem to them, they all understood very well. Seeing how they responded I felt that certainly these Western people have transcended self-centered thinking. A 42-year-old woman is like an aunt, but a 33-year-old man says that he wants to marry her though there is a nine-year difference in age. The English members who were in America responded the same way.

If a 42-year-old person and a 33-year-old person are to marry, is there anyone here who thinks that it should not happen? You should think whether you, yourselves, can do that. You should quietly think about it. Think how old your aunts and mothers are. Since the person is old enough to have had two or three children if she were married, her face would be wrinkled and the rosy color in her face would have faded. Think how it would be if a woman who is like your aunt marries you in the flowering of your youth. Do you desire it or not? Be honest and tell me. You men? (No.) That is right. Answering that you do not desire it is the general rule.

Then did Father force them to marry? No, I did not. Those people do not just look at age. They respect honor very much. A person's achievements and results count for more than her age. Merits and results represent the whole of that person. That kind of concept is different from the Oriental concept. Why is that? They have the thinking that it is more important to live a short life well than to live a long life. In this sense, I felt they had a progressive attitude.

In the near future, in order for the young men to win over Father, they should have the magnanimity to be willing to marry older women. Do you feel good when you hear that? Why? Do you feel bad? Would you feel bad even if the woman were the only princess in that country? Would you feel had if she were the only woman in that country? What will you do if she were the only woman? What if the ratio of men to women were one thousand to one? Will you feel more energy to do it or not?

CASE 6.

THE FAITH OF ONE MISSIONARY IN THE NETHERLANDS

Among the people who pioneered the Netherlands, there is a person named Teddy. He worked with machines and graduated from a famous technical school. He met Father, went witnessing in the Netherlands, pioneered the Dutch Church, and became a first generation ancestor in the Netherlands. If you listen to him, you can see that he went through many difficulties that are inexpressible in words. He resolved to live through at least three months of indemnity in Holland. He gave up everything he had and went to work at the docks. Even though he was a skilled technician who received about 1,300 dollars a month, and even though he had the certification to receive good treatment wherever he might go in the Netherlands, he abandoned it all and became a laborer on a wharf.

When Father went there, he was eating and living with his work crew. His situation was very difficult. His hands looked like the hands of a toad and his face had the appearance of a miserable manual laborer. He seemed to have become a most wretched person. What he ate at mealtime was hard bread. He earned only 38 dollars a day, but still he saved enough to translate and publish the *Divine Principle*. On that book, he wrote a statement in blood and offered it to me. When I saw that, I was deeply moved.

When he was witnessing he had to walk everywhere, so I asked him if he needed a motorcycle, but he said that he did not need one. Then when I asked what I could buy for him, he said he wanted a bicycle. So I bought him a bicycle. Though I bought it four years ago for him, it is still new because he did not ride it, thinking that no matter who touches it, even if it is a president of a country, the person might damage it. He gave this much effort.

When I was giving the Blessing in Germany to the European members, I told the leaders to prepare a list of names in advance. Other people had persons they hoped to wed, but this person had no one in mind. I asked him whom he wanted to be blessed to, and he said that while he was in America he knew a person who was truly loyal and followed God's will. When I asked who she was, he said her name was Pauline. She joined the Church at 34 and had been a member for 8 years, and she was in a trinity with a member named Doris. She was one of the three revolutionary fighters for our Will.

When Teddy was working for God's will in America with her, he had a lot of results gained from enduring and pioneering. But they seemed to have had happy moments, too. Also, he said that he knows very well that she has

been pioneering alone in the most difficult environment for ten years until now. Having heard that she had not married yet, he asked me if he could marry her.

He said that even though there are more beautiful women in the world and also in the Dutch Church, a woman who does not have experience in society cannot become a revered wife who can embrace and take good care of the church. He said that, of course, there are beautiful women who have worked very hard for him in Holland too, but that is not the issue. He was saying, in effect, that in order to leave behind a good tradition for the Unification Church in Holland, he needs a mother-like person who can love Holland and who can stand in the shade to embrace and take on all the good and bad things in and out of the church. That is why he was saying that it does not matter what other people think, but that I bless him with the woman who is like an aunt and who lives in America now.

So I said to him, "Hey, she who looks like an aunt also looks like a horse," and told him that she stands and walks like a horse. Would you feel good or bad if you heard that?

Mr. Kuboki was startled when he saw the woman and gasped. He supposedly said, "What kind of woman is this?" Since she has a long face, she does not look good if she shows her forehead. Her back is bent, she has a big nose, and is so tall that wrestlers seem like nothing. If an ordinary man sees this woman laughing, he will probably be shocked and run away. In spite of this, Teddy wanted to spend his life with her.

When Father saw this, did he feel good or bad? At first I did not feel good about that because Father wanted the young man to hold a beautiful, young girl. Father would have felt better if he had received a woman who could make him burst with hope for a good future, who is a flower among flowers the more one looks at her, who will spread fragrance among fragrances so that one could say that she is one's love day and night. But since he was already far away from my thinking, I felt had. However, the fact that he wanted to prepare a strong foundation for God's will, for God's citizens, and for the three million citizens of Holland made me feel good. Also in order to do that, he said in effect that he has to become a man who is able to elevate the dignity of woman. I saluted him for his desire to do that work.

On the day of the marriage ceremony, Father received a sincere promise from him. Father said, "Since she is already 42, there remain only about 4 years in which she can have babies." He replied that that is no problem. He was saying, "Since God loves us so much, He will make us the most blessed family among the European families. Then would not God the Creator give us children so we can fulfill the four position foundation?" With that kind of faith, he surpassed the faith of his elders.

I asked Teddy, "Will you really send your wife-to-be witnessing or will you not? Think again." Hurt, he said, "Do you not trust me?" Europe has dignity because it has that kind of person.

Anyone can fly from America to Germany in a matter of a few hours. Thus she came right away. When she entered, I tried to appreciate her from his posi-

tion and with his interest: "Ah! She looks like that." Women are worrisome when you send them pioneering since you don't know if they might be carried off by some noise. But you can feel safe about this kind of woman for thousands of years, even if you send her alone to the Arctic region. Also, since she has a lot of experience in society, she does not lack anything internally and externally to be a mother in a family or a church. And since she knows that she is old, she knows that humility should be her philosophy of living in order for her to attend a young husband. She has to be humble.

CASE 7.

A BLESSING FOR RESTORATION THROUGH INDEMNITY

You Koreans might counter with this question, "Then in order to fulfill the will of God, should we marry even an American?" If Father tells you to marry, you should. Can you do that or not? What will you do? The law of Korean tradition does not allow that, right? It is not allowed. But if the Will is fulfilled that way, what should happen? The elder women here, please answer. What will you do? Will you marry an American or not? You might in the near future stand in that position. Then if I tell you to marry a Japanese, what will you do? The blessing for restoration through indemnity is a complicated process. Also, what will you do if I ask you to marry a grandfather? That will not happen, but if I were to tell you to marry one, what will you do? You might say, "What kind of God is that?" That is your own thought. Do you know how complicated the way of indemnity is?

With whom did Tamar have a relationship? Perez and Zerach, whom she bore by having a relationship with her father-in-law, became the direct lineage blessed by God, the ancestors of Jesus—right? Also, in what circumstances was King Solomon born? Solomon was the child David got by killing his loyal retainer Uriah and taking his wife Bathsheba. Since he had enticed his loyal retainer's wife, he should have been punished, and his child should have been one who ruined the world. Then how could Solomon, a glorious king, be born from them? How did it come to be like that? In the gospel of Matthew, Rahab appears in Jesus' lineage. What kind of person was Rahab? She was a prostitute, right? But then whom did she help? She helped a spy. It is realistic for a prostitute to sympathize with an enemy country, but she risked her life to do that. For the sake of heaven's will, one has to risk one's life. It means to deny one's life, environment, and everything that has to do with one's privileges. History progresses from that point of self-denial.

These days, there are many young men who are living with older women. There are plenty of people who are living with women who are like their mothers in terms of their age. Why is that? There is the term "cataclysmic change," right? Normally a man should marry a woman who is a little younger than he is. That is normal. Then what do we mean by "cataclysmic change"? It means becoming the opposite. To go one level higher than persons of your same age or brotherly relationships is a "cataclysmic change." Marrying a woman the age of one's mother or marrying someone the age of a maternal

aunt is a "cataclysmic change."

Young people have to bow their heads to the elderly. But at the time of "cataclysmic change," the elderly people have to bow their heads down to young people. Why? Even if it is a woman like a grandmother, if she gets a young husband, she still has to bow her head down, right? This is how "cataclysmic change" is. But I do not mean that this is to be the official way of things. I am saying only that it *could* be that way.

CASE 8.

AN INCIDENT AT THE 6000 COUPLE BLESSING

At the time of the 6000 Couple mass wedding, among the blessing candidates were some who were not completely qualified. Some came from Kyung Sang Do, Cholla Do, Kyung Gi Do, and Choong Chung Do, and others gathered from five oceans and six continents. So it was like a marketplace of the human race. It was not only full of different colors but also bumpy all over, and in order to assure that there were no collisions, I had to sweat a lot. Since the 12,000 people had on frantic headlights of love, they could not see or think about anything else.

If I did not match them right, something might go wrong not only in their future but also in the fulfillment of God's will; therefore, I had to be absolutely prudent. To match a few thousand couples in a matter of a few days might be easy in words, but is it easy? Think about it. In the world, there are many cases where in order to match just one couple, it requires many interviews and then it still doesn't work out.

This task was impossible to do in any ordinary way. Therefore, I had to use my secret method. I gathered them in one place, and let them sit with knees bent for hours. I made it so that they could not move nose, eyes, or mouth. At first they stirred, but as time passed, they lowered themselves like picked scallion. After some time passed in that uncomfortable position, they not only said, "We are sorry. We will do as you say, so please forgive us," but also they sincerely bowed down so that when I matched them, they were thankful without complaint. With that attitude, I could match them rapidly.

They, for the first time, discovered another aspect of Father. That is like discovering the awesome dual aspects of God—that God is not only a God of love but also a God of judgment. Anyhow they, who thought that Father was considerate and loving, came to discover yet another aspect of Father.

Father's legs hurt if I stand up for three or four days. That is why I exercise, but since I had to exercise my legs in so confined a place, I sometimes kicked their shins or hips. When I did that, they obeyed me without objection and things worked out smoothly.

But this does not mean that I chose their spouses haphazardly. I have matched more men and women than anybody in the world; it is true that I am confident in that field. I am confident that I am better at knowing your psychology than any psychologist or psychiatrist.

You need a safety pin, like that in a bomb. Man's fate is to walk all kinds

of roads. What can keep you from accidentally exploding and losing the value of your existence? You must follow your destiny to obey God's will.

One member from the Soviet Socialist Republics who attended the 6000 Couple mass wedding had to marry by picture alone. This was because the spouse was working in a communist nation and could not attend the marriage ceremony. And yet, some Korean youths, especially the women, rejected the person Father chose for them, saying that the person does not please their eyes. I was truly embarrassed to see the foreign members after that. That attitude of the Korean members is like treason in the world of the heart. It has all passed now, but that should not happen from now on.

IV

THE PROCESS OF THE BLESSING AND ITS MEANING

1.

THE MEANING OF THE ENGAGEMENT CEREMONY

After you go through the engagement ceremony, you participate in the holy wine ceremony and then the marriage ceremony. What are these engagement, holy wine, and marriage ceremonies? These are not ceremonies following some kind of precedent. They are unavoidable ceremonies necessary to indemnify the fall by making all the contents of the fall reappear symbolically.

In what stage did Adam and Eve fall? They fell at the stage of engagement. That is, they fell in the process of growing toward the goal of perfection. Then what is the purpose of engagement? It is marriage. Because Adam and Eve, in the position of having been engaged, fell by marrying in the wrong way, that false marriage has to be denied and rectified centering on God. However, this restoration cannot be done in any arbitrary manner. It has to have the opposite content from that of the fall.

There is a ceremony needed for inheriting a pure lineage. First, there is the engagement ceremony. You must know why we hold the engagement ceremony. Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden were in an engagement period. Right now their fallen descendants cover the world, and thus each person's eyes turn to some other man or woman. In the Garden of Eden there was only Adam, Eve, and the archangel. Since the archangel fell and became Satan, we have to be victorious over Satan. In order to be victorious over Satan, we must know what kind of being Satan is. Satan is someone who coveted love centering on himself. We must establish love centering on God. You are being engaged on this standard.

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You must cleanse the inheritance of lineage tainted by the fall and restore

the good lineage of the original creation. Unless you participate in the ceremony that cleanses all of the 6,000 years of history, you cannot go on to the Blessing. We hold the engagement ceremony because we must be restored to the status of Adam and Eve before they fell in the engagement stage.

The engagement ceremony is the ceremony that restores the fact that the human ancestors Adam and Eve fell during the engagement period.

Those blessed families who received the engagement and the Blessing at the same time should, by establishing a true family, attend God, and in the position of true parents liberate the resentment of all things. The engagement ceremony is the beginning of the day of promise to liberate man's resentment as well as God's resentment.

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THE PROCESS OF BEING REBORN THROUGH THE HOLY WINE CEREMONY

We must change the condition of having inherited the lineage that was tainted through the fall. If we do not do this, we cannot remove the original sin, and if we do not remove the original sin, we cannot rise to the stage of being able to receive the blessing as true children. That is how the Principle works. The ceremony that removes the original sin which came about through the fall and changes our lineage from Satan's to God's is the holy wine ceremony.

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The holy wine ceremony is what roots out Satan's blood that has tainted the human lineage through the fall. In other words, it is the ceremony that removes the original sin.

You, who are engaged, will do the holy wine ceremony before the blessing ceremony. This is the lineage-converting ceremony that alters the blood of the fall. Fallen man cannot go to the place of blessing without denying his past love, which was stained by the false love of the satanic world, and without being equipped with the resurrectional substance centering on God's love anew, and reviving the true love of parents. Therefore, the holy wine ceremony is the ceremony where we promise that we will establish a new standard of life by going through the gate of True Parents' love.

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Fallen man has to convert his lineage centering on the True Parents. Man is the inheritor of the fall. Consequently, we should absolutely deny our past way of living. First and foremost, we must have the conviction to "absolutely deny" our former way of life.

The parent who gave birth to me is not a true parent, and the brothers with whom we have been living together are not true brothers. Moreover, the society and the nation in which we live now are not the true society and nation which God desires. Accordingly, to create what God desires, we must wake

up to a new self originating from a total denial of the old. That will not come about just by our believing. We must present the condition needed for that. That is exactly the holy wine ceremony.

What is the holy wine ceremony and how does it come about? Since our parents who are living in the satanic world are Cain-type parents on the side of Satan, we need an Abel-type parent on the side of God. Mary was that kind of parent for Jesus.

After that, there has to be a mother figure on earth in the unfallen original position. In other words, there has to be an original mother figure who has not had a connection with fallen love or the lineage of evil. There was no mother figure like that. For this reason, you must find three levels of parents—fallen parent, parent restored from the fallen world, and unfallen parent—and completely restore the connection of those parents. It has to be done.

Because the family of Adam and Eve fell, Jesus became the person to deny that family and establish the standard which God can approve. But because Jesus could not fulfill that responsibility completely, God prolonged this dispensation to a third time, which is the period of the Second Coming centering on Christianity.

Then what does the Lord of the Second Advent come to do? Because the age of the Second Advent is the perfection-level age, Christ at the Second Coming is a person who comes to find the mother of humankind. That is, he comes to find a bride. The bride whom the Christ, who is the bridegroom, is trying to find on this earth is not a woman under the dominion of the fall. He is trying to find a person who is born from an unfallen, pure lineage. That kind of bride or mother figure has to be born on the foundation of an Abel-type mother in the fallen world.

Accordingly, your first mother corresponds to the position of the fallen Eve, and the mother after that corresponds to the position of Mary at the time of Jesus. The third mother has to be the one who can advance to the position of Mother (True Mother) as a virgin who has no connection with evil.

The position of True Mother was supposed to be fulfilled centering on Jesus, but it was not; it was only established spiritually. So today, in the Last Days, this fulfillment must take place. There has to be a strategy to put everything together again.

Where do you, who were born in fallen families, have to go? In Jesus' time the people who had been born into fallen families went to Jesus. Today, the people who are born into fallen families believe in Christianity. Then where do those Christians have to go? They have to travel the road that passes through the womb of an unfallen mother and into the interior of an unfallen father, and be reborn. Without doing this, resurrection is not possible.

Originally, the baby seed that was dwelling inside the bone marrow of Adam was to go through the body of Eve, who was to be a true mother, and then be born centering on God. But it did not happen. This is the fall. In other words, the fact that they did not see the birth of a new life that God had been

desiring is the same as the fall.

Since everyone is born from a spoiled place, what can be done in order to restore this? One has to find and enter the womb of a true mother. For that reason, Christianity today says that even a person who believes in Jesus has to receive the Holy Spirit in order to be reborn. Then what does it mean to receive the Holy Spirit? Because the Holy Spirit is the Mother God, it means receiving help from the Mother God and becoming one with Mother. Everyone has to go through the body of True Mother.

Because the Holy Spirit is the Mother God, if the Holy Spirit enters someone, the person comes to long for and attend Jesus as the bridegroom, that is, as the Father God. When that heat of longing is greater than one's life, finally a new life will be born. But this new life has not become a life which is perfected both in body and spirit, but remains the standard of perfection only of spiritual life.

Christianity, which has remained only at this standard of spiritual resurrection, now has the mission to find the standard of physical resurrection. Because this worldwide mission still remains, Christianity has been waiting for the time of the Second Advent.

Since you are the descendants of fallen Adam, you have to establish indemnity conditions. Besides the perfected Adam, there is no one who can jump over the road of indemnity. The perfected Adam is the substantial object of God who is the subject of love. The Second Advent of Christ comes to perfect that position. He comes as a magnet, a center of love to pull all people together.

The principle of restoration is like a magnet, bringing two poles together. Since the fall took place after Adam and Eve's engagement, there is a providence of restoration for after the engagement. By analogy to a magnet, we are doing a ceremony where the woman who has become a perfect minus, as Eve should have, is creating a perfect man. The holy wine ceremony is a spiritual restoration ceremony. After the woman is born anew spiritually, the man in Adam's position is born spiritually through that woman.

The holy wine ceremony has a significance similar to the Eucharist, when Jesus looked at bread and wine and said, "This is my flesh and blood." The holy wine ceremony is the ceremony that establishes the condition that the person has become one with the True Parents. If a person becomes one body with the True Parents, Satan cannot accuse him or her. The person stands eternally in the position of having nothing to do with Satan.

From now on, the two of you must make the determination to create the Kingdom of Heaven on earth as a new Adam and Eve in the eternal garden of Eden. By restoring the engagement period of Adam and Eve before the fall, you must not leave behind any condition for accusation.

If Adam and Eve had become husband and wife and had lived by loving each other, the ideal of creation would have been fulfilled. But because the order of love was reversed centering on Satan, this very starting point has to

be restored. This is called the ceremony for the change of blood lineage. For the position of Adam, it is the ceremony for the reversal of dominion. Since Eve lost Adam through the fall, no matter how difficult it is, she has to re-position Adam and restore him as a true husband.

This is why women have suffered in the world until now. Women are suffering everywhere. The women of Japan have an especially miserable history. Women were always being controlled by the fallen archangel. You must know clearly the fact that the holy wine ceremony has the power to restore that.

The holy wine ceremony has the same meaning as the Holy Communion did for receiving Jesus. In the Holy Communion, you eat bread and drink wine symbolizing Jesus' flesh and blood. This means that since man fell, he must receive a new body. In the same way, this holy wine ceremony is done because fallen man has to go in the direction opposite that of the fall.

What does the holy wine ceremony do? It is the ceremony to install God's body inside my body. Do you understand? Since there is only one fallen body, the ceremony substitutes for it a new body centering on God. This is exactly the significance of the holy wine ceremony. Just as Jesus said that one must eat and drink the bread which symbolizes his body and the wine which symbolizes his blood, it is this ceremony which can cleanse the original sin by receiving parents' love, receiving the substance of God, and inheriting a new blood lineage. Without going through this ceremony you cannot go to the place of Blessing. Thus, this ceremony is a ceremony which converts the lineage.

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THE MEANING OF RECEIVING THE HOLY WINE

What is inside the holy wine? It has an ingredient that symbolizes parents' love. Also, it has to have something in it that symbolizes blood. Accordingly, when you drink that, you become one body with parents' love and one body with parents' blood. Then how is the holy wine made? It is wine which is made from ingredients that symbolize the earth, the seas, and heaven, and that symbolize the whole cosmos. In the holy wine there are three kinds of alcohol. Besides that, it has an ingredient which symbolizes all things. The fact of drinking this means that one is being born spiritually and physically.

If this ceremony did not exist, original sin could not be removed and the lineage could not be converted. Without converting the blood lineage, one cannot become one body with God's love by passing through the standard of perfection. The holy wine ceremony is the ceremony which indemnifies all of this.

The holy wine contains all the essential elements of things which are without Satan's accusation. If some person does an act that defiles him after receiv-

ing the holy wine and becoming one with the True Parents, he comes to stand in a position more fearful than Satan's. Satan defiled and violated the perfection level of the growth stage, but if a person who received the Blessing makes a mistake, he commits the sin of treason against God's substance in the perfection level of the perfection stage. Therefore, the person will not be forgiven through eternity. That is truly a fearful thing.

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In the holy wine, there is the flesh and blood of parents.

The holy wine is the wine of love, the wine of the husband, and the milk of mother. It represents the water of life, the blood of parents, the manifestation of all glory, and the love of bridegroom and bride, and it contains in it the life force of the Father.

With the holy wine I am giving out the substance of the Father's heart and blood lineage. Through it I am giving out the life force and forming a connection of lineage.

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I give out the holy wine in order to cleanse the body's defilement and bring it into God's blood lineage. The holy wine results from the substantial marriage (True Parents), *hyung sang* marriage (36 couples), and symbolic marriage (72 couples).

The process of restoration went through Cain and Abel, Esau and Jacob, and Perez and Zerah. But for original restoration, one has to set a condition of having gone through Jesus' body.

One must come to stand in a position like having been born through the womb of True Mother. After having passed through Adam, to Jesus, and arriving at the Second Coming, one must stand in a position of having been born at the same instant as a baby born from Mother.

The holy wine, which is made of 21 ingredients representing all things and levels, is given to the wife first. At the fall, Satan first tempted Eve and then Adam was lost; therefore we first establish the restored woman in a position to find the man. The man receives the wine, representing parents' flesh and blood, through the wife. By drinking this wine in this way, he comes to stand in the position of having passed through the internal body of mother and makes the indemnity condition for the separation from Satan.

This time is the same as when an innocent, young bachelor first enters the room of his bride. We must achieve the purpose of love by centering on God, with left and right becoming one.

Even Eu Hyo Won does not know one of the meanings of this wine. Drinking this wine has a meaning equivalent to Jesus' saying that one who drinks the water of life will have eternal life.

Your existence before and after the moment you drink is entirely different. Drinking this wine is more important than husband and wife's making a relation of love. This wine represents the connection of life.

This wine represents the original core of life. After this ceremony, there

should not be any falsehood. You should not ask about the past. From now on, become a couple who lives to fulfill the Blessing.

4.

THE POSITION OF MAN AND WOMAN IN RESTORATION

You are man and woman representing the whole world. In this ceremony the woman is on the side of God, who is the owner, and the man is on the side of Satan. Since this is so, actually, man should not stand on the right side but woman should. However, Father is in a different position.

The original sin came about by the archangel and Eve's marrying, right? Therefore, it must be restored through marriage. Since it came about by Eve's marrying the archangel, it should be restored through marriage with Adam. For Adam to marry, who has to be there? Eve has to be there.

Should the archangel or Eve marry first? (Eve.) Why? Because Eve is meant to be Adam's wife, she has to marry first.

The archangel was supposed to take care of everything until Eve married, to pray for her good fortune, perform all the duties of a servant, and then marry. If a servant does all the duties of a servant, the child can go up to the parent and plead, "Father! It's not good for the servant to be alone and lonely, so please give him a spouse," and then the servant can marry. But before that he cannot. Do you understand?

Then for Eve to marry, her husband has to be on this earth; so who is that husband? (The coming Christ.) If that Christ comes and marries Eve, what should the people around them do? Should the archangel cry and be unhappy? (He should be happy!)

Before Christ came, woman was laboring as the archangel's wife. But when the Christ comes, the archangel will lose his bride to him. Right? Even if that happens, should the archangel cry and complain? The women of the Unification Church are walking this restoration path. Then on whose side are the women of the Unification Church?

How much do you have to long for Father? You must long for Father more than for your wife or your husband. Shouldn't you love your father and mother more than your husband or your wife? After first giving your parents all your love, you should then love your wife, husband and children. Shouldn't that be the case? That is why you must love your heavenly parents more than you love anybody else.

For you men, any other love is not allowed. If you are not even born, how can you talk about love? You are in a position of not even being born. If you do not know the parents, it is the same situation as not being born.

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The fallen woman has attended two husbands. Isn't that right? Eve received the archangel as her husband spiritually and Adam as her husband physically. So how many husbands are there? (Two.) That is why in order for women to restore the fall, they have to meet two husbands. Without doing

that, they cannot accomplish restoration. Thus you have two men, Father and your husband. You are in the same situation as one woman having to attend two husbands. That is your course of restoration.

Today, all women who believe in the Unification Church and want to be saved are brides who have come to look for a bridegroom. Therefore, with whom are they supposed to be one? They have to become one with the coming Christ. They have to become one with Adam and one with God. Understand that I am speaking of a spiritual oneness centering on God.

God is invisible, so He created Adam as His hyung sang. Do you understand? In the same way now Father is appearing as God's hyung sang. Since there was a spiritual fall, Father is doing the work of resurrection spiritually. Accordingly, if the women of Unification Church give effort and pray hard, they will relate to Father as their older brother. And again, if they make even more effort, spiritually they will have engagement rings fitted on their fingers, receive bouquets of flowers, and there will be wedding matches. There must be many people who have had this kind of spiritual experience. Those who have not had this spiritual experience are fake believers.

Because of this experience, one can prepare a starting point to restore the fact that the progenitor of humanity fell with spiritual love. Through spiritual unity with Father, that love can be restored. This love also can reconcile the alienation between Adam and the archangel. Therefore, you men and women have been united centering on Father. In this way, a restored family is established.

In this ceremony you women are in the mother position spiritually. At this point, you must give birth to Adam again through spiritual love. Through the sin of the fallen Eve's spiritual love, Adam also fell spiritually. Therefore, by establishing a standard of restoring Adam spiritually, centering on God's love, and by connecting physically to Adam whom you have made effort to restore, Adam becomes restored. Do you understand? Only by passing through this root can one begin to grow according to the original way of Principle.

In order to restore, you must become a person who does things in the reverse way. At the time of the fall, the archangel gave to Eve, right? Next, Eve gave to Adam. Originally, Adam was supposed to dominate Eve with the authority of God's son. And Eve in the position of parent was supposed to have given birth to humankind. We must restore that fundamental and original heart.

Therefore, what is woman? She is mother. Looking from the Principle viewpoint, the husband has to attend his wife as his mother for three years. Without attending her for three years as his mother, he cannot properly love her as his wife. This is a very strict principle.

Only after going through the process of relating to his wife as a substitute for his mother, older sister, and younger sister, can a husband think of her as his wife. Do you understand? In the same way, only after the wife relates to her husband as representing her father, older brother, and younger

brother, can she think of him as her husband. Without establishing a standard of having received all those kinds of love, one cannot become a true father or true mother.

Then, whose love has to start first? Man's or woman's? It starts from man's love. Restoration has to start from the love of the coming Christ. Therefore, we must receive the vertical love of the coming Christ and expand it to the horizontal love between husband and wife. That is why we need the vertical love first.

I gave out that kind of vertical love before, and many people followed me. Do you like Father, too? Persons who can see the spiritual world understand that Father helps them as their older brother, husband, and father. That is the formula. Therefore, you must center on Father more than on any other man in this world. You would see the reality of this if you could look through the spirit world. Unification Church women who are not like that are far away from being true members.

God has never had a son He could love fully. He could not love His first son and also could not love His second son as a bridegroom. Moreover, God, as Father, has not received His son's love fully. Therefore, you must restore children's love, conjugal love and parental love. In order to restore that, you must restore parent's love, conjugal love, and children's love, in order. By loving in this opposite order, you are doing restoration.

Therefore, the woman first has to take the position of mother to her husband, and care for him. Thus, should woman receive love or give love? (Give love.) If you do that, you will receive more love than you gave. In spite of this, women say, "Do you love me? And if you do, how much do you love me?" just as they marry, only trying to receive love. That is the basic instinct of women. The grandmothers here, did you ask questions like that a long time ago?

Therefore, Unification Church women have to love their husbands. You must love him as your father and older brother. I am in the position of father, older brother and, in a spiritual sense, bridegroom to you. Father has that heartistic standard. I must restore, centering on this body, the fact that the archangel fell spiritually. In this you must absolutely obey Father's words. Will you or will you not? You must listen to Father in order to receive the Blessing.

You Unification Church women must not say that you want to receive love after marrying. That kind of woman absolutely cannot establish the dignity of woman. You must be dignified. Then no husband can come into his wife's room without permission, like a thief. He must have approval first. He cannot go in at his whim. When the time comes I will explain more in detail. But you understand in general now, right?

Therefore, when husband and wife meet, they must certainly pray first. By praying, "Father, today the universe is moving with my mind, so move my wife's mind, also," you can have sons and daughters and live well. That household will not turn out had. A man has to do at least that much.

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THE MEANING OF THE BLESSING CEREMONY

The engagement ceremony and the holy wine ceremony are ceremonies to establish the condition that people who were born in the satanic world are being reborn through the True Parents. Since woman fell first, the woman has to be restored first and then give birth to the man. The holy wine ceremony is the ceremony by which the couple passes through this process internally. And forty days after marriage, there is a ceremony to pass through this course externally. These are all ceremonies to lay the required indemnity conditions.

In this way, you must pass through the perfection level of the growth stage, at which Adam and Eve were before the fall, and reach the perfection stage. After securing the position of absolute "I" centering on God, marriage is realized by forming a standard of love.

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You must establish the condition that you have entered the womb of a mother who is restored from the fall, a mother who is in a position of not having fallen. How is that fulfilled? It is done centering on love. Since the fall happened centering on love, restoration also has to center on love. In order for us to be restored, we must go into the womb again, but that is not possible in actuality. Therefore, we are establishing the condition that we are restored by becoming one body centering on love. In this way, by spiritually uniting with the restored Adam, we become one body with him and receive the heavenly blood lineage.

Eve first fell spiritually centering on Satan. Then, by becoming one with Adam, she fell physically. Thus, the holy wine ceremony is the ceremony to meet and unite with the Adam who is completely restored. It is the ceremony to restore the relation of love. It is necessary that you establish that condition. The marriage ceremony is the ceremony to become a woman who returns to God by becoming one spiritually first, and then restoring her husband through becoming one substantially.

The marriage ceremony is the ceremony to inherit God's love that says that just as parents live with God's love, you should also live in this way. The parents have received God's love and they in turn hand it down to you.

God's love is handed down through the parents. It is not received from some famous person. Marriage to a famous person without God's love is a marriage given by Satan.

The marriage ceremony means the manifestation of love as well as the endowment of the authority to create and to dominate.

The marriage ceremony we are holding today is the hope and ideal of God. It is the marriage ceremony that He wanted to hold for Adam and Eve when they matured. It is the historical event that was at the heart of the ideal of creation. You must really feel that this ceremony is happening for the first time

ever since the beginning of creation. The three disciples at Jesus' time should have shared life and death together with their teacher. From now on you must go forward realizing that your body is not your body. You must move forward with the heart that you are in the position of an offering.

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Walking towards the officiator of the ceremony symbolizes walking the providential course of 6,000 years. To represent the formation, growth, and perfection stages of that course, we are making 21 people and 12 people stand as groomsmen and bridesmaids. After seven steps you must bow three times as a condition of going over the formation stage. This course is the course of history from Adam until now. Especially it is the course of the three dispensations of Adam, Jesus, and the Second Advent. This is the meaning of walking between these groomsmen and bridesmaids on the way to meet the True Parents. These groomsmen and bridesmaids symbolize establishing the spiritual standard of 12 tribes and 24 elders. By bowing, you are establishing an indemnity condition.

True Parents sprinkle the holy wine. This establishes the condition that the bride and groom have fulfilled the restoration by indemnity. It also establishes the condition to go beyond the foundation of the ancestors in the spirit world. (Without going the way of the groomsmen and bridesmaids, you can be blessed but cannot become a blessed family. An actual example: at the time of the 433 Couple Blessing, one couple was omitted.

True Parents' sprinkling the holy wine is for establishing the condition that you have gone through the course of restoration by indemnity. Also, it is for establishing the condition to go beyond the foundations laid by the ancestors in the spirit world.

6.

THE 40-DAY INDEMNITY PERIOD

After you are married, you must go through a 40-day indemnity period. It does not represent the spiritual resurrection of Jesus, but rather is indemnity to enter the Blessing's realm of resurrection without dying. It is a period that you must pass through. In order for a couple to reach the position to love each other, they must obey certain regulations. In order to be victorious on this difficult road of indemnity, you should absolutely refrain from a man-woman relationship and from talking or thinking about it until you complete the indemnity period.

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When husband and wife associate with each other, they might not feel comfortable at first. But if you raise your faith above that discomfort and look at the future, your ideal will grow. That exactly is the Blessing. If your relationship does not work, it means that you are not grateful. In order to break down the foundation of the Blessing, Satan has been challenging Father throughout his life. When you confront the world centering on heaven's law, disregarding

everything else, what is firm and strong remains. But if someone who does not even trust his wife wants to meet Father, that in itself is a shame.

Man and woman should not love each other in a position which brings suffering to God's heart. Father knows that the result of that kind of love will be miserable, according to the Principle. Thus, there is no room for discussion here.

The worst of the problems in this world is the problem of man and woman relationships. The persons responsible for family breakdowns cannot be forgiven. They will go to the most fearful hell among hells. We Unification Church members know in theory that this is how it is, so we will not do such a thing even if someone orders us to.

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THE INDEMNITY STICK CEREMONY AND THE THREE-DAY CEREMONY

In order to raise up the Israelite people, an angel came and struck Jacob's hip bone and then blessed him. Whenever the Israelites made an important pledge, they did it with their hands on their hip bone.

All men and women in human history have misused the hip bone, and thus man has resentment against woman and woman against man. Without dissolving this resentment, you cannot stand as an original couple is free of this resentment. Since this resentment came about through woman, the man hits the woman first. The three strikes represent three stages and three ages.

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Forty days after receiving the Blessing, there is a substantial three-day restoration ceremony. The forty days is the period to pay all historical indemnity.

Man acquires the authority of restoration centering on love only in the perfection stage, not the formation or growth stages. That is because the age of Adam and the next period were periods of failure. As a result, in the Old Testament Age, people did not inherit God's formation-stage right of love. And centering on Christianity, people did not inherit God's growth-stage love. Only after inheriting that formation- and growth-stage love privilege can we stand in the Completed Testament Age realm. The three-day indemnity ceremony establishes that condition.

The first day represents the restoration of fallen Adam and the Old Testament Age. The second day is restoring through indemnity the situation of Jesus and the New Testament Age. The third day is recreating the bride and the bridegroom in the place of Jesus. From there, for the first time, you can start on the proper track. Establishing the indemnity condition in this substantial way is complicated.

The holy wine ceremony establishes the condition of being born from a new mother. In the holy wine there is the blood of indemnity. By drinking

the holy wine, you are being purified internally, and by wiping your body with the holy cloth you are being purified externally.

From now on, you must multiply your substantial children. You must pray that you give birth to children who can form a heartistic connection with God. You must pray to bear children who are able to become heartistic high priests.

Father wants to bear children on the heartistic standard which can represent heaven and earth. Father bears responsibility once he gives the Blessing. In the future, you must be blessed again as representatives of the whole world. Therefore, this is a conditional marriage. The 40 days until the three-day ceremony corresponds to a period to indemnify 4,000 years. Actually marriage life starts from the day the indemnity period is completed.

8.

THREE-YEAR MOBILIZATION AFTER THE BLESSING

The day that man and woman were set up in front of God's will, the day that you received the Blessing and became husband and wife, is not the day that conjugal life starts. You must still go the three-year course of public life.

Why do you have to go through the three-year course? There still remains the historical result of the human fall, which built up over the centuries before the appearance of blessed families. And in this world, there are many families who are related by false love, that is, families of the satanic world. In other words, preceding us were many individuals, families and nations. If our connection with these families and nations of the world is cut, we cannot save the world. That is why we have to go the three-year course. We have dual responsibilities. It is important to fulfill our responsibilities for our families, but the responsibility to save the other families in the world is more important.

Then what kind of relationship does your family have to the families of the world? Your family is an internal family, and the family of the world is an external family. In the terminology of the Unification Church, a blessed family is an Abel-type family and the families of the world are Cain-type families. Before the Blessing you are individual Abels and Cains, but after the Blessing, you are Abel and Cain families.

Since a person who has never even loved his son or daughter must be able to do so after receiving the Blessing, he is to learn about love for three years by witnessing. By learning how to love others before having children, he can then love his children when they are born.

A person who has learned how to love others will love his or her spouse more than anyone else. Since that person has received much hardship and persecution while trying to learn how to love the people of the world, that person will know the value of love and will love his or her spouse more than anyone else. In this way, we are saying that a woman should have the mind to love her husband more than anyone and also love the children that she

gives birth to even more. How beautiful is this true love!

If you can win after having received opposition and persecution, it will not become a misfortune but a good fortune. In order for a seed to sprout, it has to win over the cold winter. Just as without a cold winter to break its thick shell, a bud cannot sprout, you cannot taste true love without first enduring persecution and opposition.

The reason why the Unification Church requires people to have three years of public life after receiving the Blessing is to enable them to taste true love. The reason why, in spite of persecution and opposition, Father toured the world and gave speeches, was to train us to make a beautiful family of true love greater than any other family.

We are going the way of God's will despite the world's harsh persecution and oppression because of our heart of love for our children and our desire to enable them to live in a beautiful nation of God. We must live for and love our children more than the people of the world love their own children.

In the fight of our lifetime which we must go, when a husband or wife is being persecuted and opposed, you must pledge that you will love your children more than your feeling of distress and disappointment. You must be trained in that way in the midst of persecution and opposition.

A wife who has received this love training will not fight with her husband, standing against him as if she were firing a machine gun just because he said a word to her. The husband also will not ignore her or oppress her with his power. It is because through love training the person has felt how valuable his or her spouse is.

In the way of restoration, when you receive the Blessing, the wife stands in the position of Abel in front of her husband. Thus in the three years of public life, he has to stand in the position to obey her. Instead of obeying by staying close to the woman, it is easier to stay away and work. The man should perform various rituals such as bowing at morning and at night to the woman. I have not spoken about it until now, but Father himself also has gone through that course. Therefore, it is rather better to live separately and appear in front of your wife after three years of preparing a victorious foundation. The three-year course after receiving the Blessing has this purpose.

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Right now, all women do not belong to you, but to Father. Thus I am sacrificing those people who are closest to me. Heaven's way is to sacrifice the closest people. More than your sons and daughters, your wives are closer to Father. These closest people are being sacrificed.

Your spouse does not belong to you but to God and the universe. Love is not your own possession. It belongs to God and humankind. Therefore, you should run for God for three years. You must run by raising up the heart of love.

To love the wife who belongs to God is the same as honoring God. When

there is a lack of love, God does not move for you. If you do not hear from others that you are a model family, it means that you still lack love. Likewise, the woman should love her husband with the same heart as she honors God. If a give and take action of love that seems to touch God is fulfilled, that family will establish the four position foundation automatically. Everything will turn around automatically.

If you spin a top that's balanced on its point, it will turn well, but if you spin it without balancing it, it will shake. Therefore, you must make a family that is balanced and interacts well. Then everything will be solved. You must make a family four position foundation centering on that balance of love.

The husband should think of God, all people, and his wife, and centering on God, who is a trinity, he must endeavor to make himself and his wife one body. Since Adam and Eve fell without establishing that standard, we first must give effort to accomplish this. We are living by sacrificing ourselves in order to love God and all people. You should think that you received the Blessing for this. If you do so, the realm of fall that was brought about at the time of Adam and Eve's period of engagement will be restored through indemnity without any condition for accusation. This is the Principle. The fallen world is a world that centers around the self. It does not first think of God's love, humankind, descendants, all things, the universe or anything else. We must always be aware of that.

This time I ordered all the blessed wives, without exception, to go out to where they have been witnessing before. I did not tell the men to go out. Do you understand?

But the wife should be one in heart with her husband. She should be a wife who can inspire her husband's mind. In other words, she has to be able to make the husband become an offering. You must know that. In order to do that, you must report to your husband by giving him effort and devotion. In that way, you must become united in mind with your husband. By doing that, even though only the mother is going out witnessing alone, back in the household, the husband and children should become one and greet with joy the mother when she returns with victory. If that does not happen, the condition to restore fallen Eve's children on this earth cannot be established. We are doing this work in order to indemnify that.

What is the significance of this three-year period? It signifies a period of giving birth to Jesus again. Jesus died after three years of public life, right? Because of whom did he die? He died because of Eve. He died because of woman. That is why Jesus has to be given birth again. Through the mother, Jesus can be reborn, inherit her foundation, and pass it to the children. That way, the children can finally become children who are better than Jesus. This is the natural principle.

Since Jesus died without marrying, he is in a position of an unmarried bachelor. In this course, the being who is raised up in the place of Jesus is

the spiritual child. It is the same as the angelic world; that is, Jesus is in the position of an archangel. Do you understand? Thus, you give redemption to spiritual children as substitutes. They should become one with your children, then your children should receive the inheritance, and the father and mother can be saved. Then, the spiritual children who are in the position of Cain can also receive salvation. This is the natural law.

Do you know how Jesus was born? You must give birth to children who are better than Jesus. In order to do that, you must raise up three disciples, like Peter, John and James. You must raise up spiritual children who can offer their lives for you even in the valley of death. If you do not do that, you will be struck to death by your enemies. Your spiritual children are your protection.

Do you have spiritual children? Who should give birth to these spiritual children? The woman has to give birth to them. You must know that this period is an important period to fulfill all the conditions required by the Principle.

In this three-year course, you must raise up three disciples like the lost Peter, John and James. Centering on them you must raise up 12 disciples. Moreover, centering on them, you must raise up 70 followers and up to 120 followers. You must do this centering on your tribe.

Why did I tell you to witness to 10 people in a bunch? Ten people represent 10 tribes. In Principle terms, 10 tribes correspond to 12 tribes. Isn't it right? You are like the wives of the apostles centering on Jesus. In that position, by setting up spiritual children, I am trying to make you stand in the same situation as making Jesus' clan. The period to do that is this three years.

Centering on family restoration through the three-year course, you must restore completely the eight family members lost in Adam's family and eight family members lost in Noah's family. If you do not restore these within the three years, it will be a disaster. Thus, Father, centering on the three-year course, has done the work to give the Blessing to 36 couples, 72 couples and 124 couples.

If the blessed families had fought by committing their whole life for three or more years after the Blessing, even to the point of becoming beggars, this country would already have been restored. God does not let rest someone who opposes a person who has given loyalty to God for three or more years.

You must, without fail, be active for three years. And in that time period, you should witness to and restore 12 or more people. Jesus had 12 disciples, representing Jacob's family, the sphere of Israel.

Following that, the Israelite people centered on Jacob had 70 elders. They represented the nation of Israel. Originally, they are to be 72 persons, which is six times 12 people. If you add that to the first 12, you get seven stages—seven times 12. Therefore, without restoring 72 people you cannot do tribal restoration.

In order to establish an eternal foundation of rest for one's family that cannot be invaded by the surrounding circumstances, one has to restore 12 fam-

ilies. A trinity signifies the right to pass through the three eastern gates that lead into the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven from any direction, you must earn the victory of subjugating 12 people by serving them. Jesus had three years to gather 12 disciples and win their heartistic unity with him, but he failed. Without respecting God's child more than one's life, there cannot be restoration. In the Unification Church we are making that condition and are restoring it right now. Therefore, you must witness to at least 12 people.

What does it mean to have three people as a center? If three is the center, you still have the four directions of east, west, south and north, but among those four directions there can be entrance and exit only in one direction, the east. The sun rises from the east. Therefore, in the spirit world, east means the fall season. For fall to come again, one has to pass through winter, spring and summer. This is the natural law. Thus in order to stand in a position not to receive Satan's accusation, you need the perfection-level standard of the number 12.

Jesus could not become a tribal messiah in his three-year course of public mission. But in this age, all humankind can inherit the position of tribal messiah. No nation can be exempted. Now the Unification Church people have to return to their hometown. The three years prior to the time of engagement is the stage during which you must restore the position of Cain. Next, by going back to hometown and raising up Cain in your hometown centering on your wife, you are to advance to the level of true parents. The period to accomplish this is also three years. Everyone has to go through this seven-year course. That is why, in the Unification Church, after the engagement and Blessing, there remains a three-year course. This is the formula.

The reason I have sent blessed members to the regions is because they have to fulfill the responsibility of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Now is the time for wives to suffer hardships with the Holy Spirit. Even if the region that you are given is small, that place is a microcosm of the universe, and if you can be patient and endure in that place, the restoration of that region will not take over seven years.

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THE BLESSING IS THE LAST ROAD

You cannot belong to two sovereignties. You are couples for the sake of a nation, so you can marry only once. In the same way, there cannot be two worlds. Since you are husband and wife for the sake of the world, you can only marry once. Moreover, there cannot be two Gods. Since you are husband and wife for the sake of God, you can marry only once. You should attend this ceremony thinking from this viewpoint.

Once you are married, you cannot be separated. The day you separate,

you will be in a situation worse than Satan. At that time Satan will accuse you. Satan will think of you as Satan. Satan will accuse you by saying, "You bastard, I fell at the perfection level of the growth stage, but you trip intentionally over Father who is in the perfection stage. You moron, do you think you can go to the Kingdom of Heaven? No way." The person who separates will become more evil than Satan. Do you understand? It is a fearful thing. Fearful. That kind of thing should not happen. When such a person goes to the spirit world, he will be caught in hell for sure.

If the Blessing had no such content, why would Father have suffered hardships until now? Do you think Father suffers these things because Father is worse than you are? I am doing this work because it is absolutely necessary. In order to restore the fall, you must go the Principle course with absolute conviction.

If you fail after receiving the Blessing, there will inevitably be an indemnity condition. It will be there for sure. For this, there is no forgiveness. Thus, the Unification Church is a fearful place. This is not a threat; it is heavenly law.

In the sphere of the Blessing established by the Principle, there is no room for forgiveness. Without conquering the love of the world, God's ideal cannot be fulfilled. You can be free of Satan's accusations and criticism only if you make your indemnity condition thoroughly and restore your position in the universe.

Father has enabled you to establish the indemnity condition to receive the Blessing and create a new family, and I tried to take responsibility for your heavy burden. But if you transgress heavenly law even after Father has carried out his responsibility, that sin is the most fearful sin that will be transmitted down to dozens of generations of descendants.

If a person who has been insisting on living in the Unification Church's realm of heart has sexual intercourse freely with others as he likes and begets children, who will take responsibility for that person? Even God will not take responsibility for the one who has transgressed the bounds of the Principle. In the Old Testament, for the sin of adultery and sexual misconduct, the sinners were stoned to death. What do you then do about something more serious? Therefore, even in Japan, you must become stricter about that kind of thing.

If you blessed families transgress the law of heaven, you will beget crippled children. You should go to the spirit world to see what happens to those who have aborted babies in the womb that God has blessed.

What is the difference in value between a person who has passed through the course of the Blessing and the many people who have already gone to the spirit world? In terms of the standard of faith there can be no comparison. If you abandon this heavenly grace, Satan will accuse you. The archangel

became Satan at the standard of the growth stage, but since you fell at the perfection stage, Satan will judge you.

The Blessing is the ultimate road. It is a great error to think that it is a marriage which can be swept away mindlessly by an irresponsible storm of life. This is a precious time, which is centered on the heart of the universe. When man and woman perfect their personalities centering on God's love, and they have a clear view of their purpose, all difficulties and agony disappear. If you maintain that standard, there can be no such thing as another fall on this earth.

From now on, you should be filled with the heartistic honor of the unfallen ideal of creation and you should live with a grateful heart, committing your whole life. If you face difficulties, they are not for inflicting pain upon you. God is making you go the way of suffering in order to dispense more of the infinite blessings that heaven has gathered up until now. We can be truly thankful for this.

The husband and wife who have been brought together by the love of God's heart should form a sphere of family life through affection and love. In order to enter the eternal Kingdom of God, you must become a husband and wife who will fulfill the purpose of creation with clear purpose and conviction.

What we have learned about through the Unification Principle is the realm of the heart. This standard of heart is above the standard which the human progenitors possessed before the fall. Therefore, if we fall, that sin is heavier than the sin of Satan, who corrupted Adam and Eve, who were at the standard of the perfection level of the growth stage. Even Satan would curse that person. There is no road of salvation for him. You must know that there exists such a very fearful, last road.

The fall of the human ancestors happened in the process of growth before the realm of parents could be established. But today you have met the True Parents. Therefore, if you fall, that will result in going beyond the boundary of historical evil, and you will stand in a position worse than Satan. You probably realize by now how precious your position is.

The Blessing is the most precious and at the same time the most fearful gift. That for which humankind has been hoping, in the course of a history full of resentment, is the Blessing. But after receiving the Blessing, on the day that you go against the standard for which God has been yearning and for which the person who gave you the Blessing hopes, it is proper that you receive the accusation of God and the accusation of the person who blessed you. If that happens, it would mean the same as receiving the accusation of both the spirit world and the physical world, and there will be no place for you to stand. Since you will have violated the servant's victorious right of dominion, the adopted son's victorious right of dominion, and the child's victorious right of dominion, you become a criminal on three levels. If there is any judgment, you shall receive the judgment first. For that reason, the Unification Church is creating the movement to restore the victorious right of dominion.

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Among Unification Church members, there are some people who are saying things such as: "Since one's spirit can go up and down, you can hate someone and then love someone, but what is a man to do when a woman's face is always ugly to him?" Do you understand? He is saying, "The Blessing is good, but shouldn't my wife's face be pretty, too?" But Father does not think like that. How frightful and preposterous it is to drag in these traditions from fallen history. If a man understands the enormity of God's Will, then no matter how ugly his wife is, he will love her despite her appearance. His only worry about her will be that she might run away. Man, no matter what, will face disaster if his wife disappears.

If that is the case, would that person do whatever he likes? When I bring judgment, let's see what happens. God's Will will remain, and Satan's will will disappear. If a blessed person marries someone else and begets children, they will disappear from this earth. Do you understand what I am saying? Thus, a person who has received the Blessing cannot have a different mind when working. How do we handle this kind of problem? Because of this, Father has headaches. If I could, I would do anything to prevent this from happening, but each person has free will.

Since I know that the abandonment of love is not a light thing, I cannot deal with it as I like. The betrayer should experience shame for having done such a thing. Then where is the one standard which can justify that? Do you understand? You must know that Father has long thought about that and has agonized over it.

In this world, the standard is just to take vengeance on the person who has betrayed you. God Himself has developed the providence of taking vengeance on the person who has betrayed Him and in that way subjugated Satan. So can Father decide by himself to set up the standard of forgiveness? This is truly a pity. It might not matter to you if you don't know these problems, but Father has to take responsibility for them directly. If you make a mistake, in the future the entire blessed realm could be accused. There could remain a ground of resentment which could bring an unexpected result. Then what should be done about that? What should be done about those people who betray love? By sending them to the road of death and making them suffer through many times more hardships, I must enable them to establish a condition of ultimate indemnity. Father is trying to open up a way to go over even that kind of problem.